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AROK SAYS 'NO'

BY GREG RUSSELL

FRANK AROK, Australia's national coach, is suffering more abuse than he needs from administrators in the Australian Soccer Federation.

First, there were the strange suggestions emanating from the recent meeting of the ASF's World Cup committee.

These included a change of national assistant-coach in Victoria, adherence to a code of conduct, a two-year contract instead of four, and refusal to pay for Arok to go to Mexico for the World Cup.

You'd think these things would have been sufficient to seriously strain relations between Arok and the ASF.

Indeed they did. Now comes a further demonstration that the ASF is keen to haul the national coach into line.

When Queensland play NSW in the interstate match in Brisbane on June 1, the Queensland Soccer Federation is likely to "insist" that Arok be present at Perry Park for the game.

An invitation was extended to Arok to attend... although the QSF was fully aware that there was a round of Nanda Cup matches scheduled for the same day.

The Queenslanders were not worried that Arok's club, St George, might need him for the Cup match.

QSF president Ian Brusasco asked Arok to put the national team first if a clash of dates occurred.

"The interstate game is the perfect opportunity for the national coach to see players in contention for the Australian team to play in the Olympic Games," said Brusasco.

He went on: "With the two Queensland National League teams playing in the Southern Division, their players have very few opportunities to impress Frank Arok. I think he owes it to them to watch this match."

When Frank Arok was asked for his reaction to the suggestion that he

MUST be at Perry Park on June 1, ASW received the expected response.

"I cannot be told by anyone to go anywhere," snapped Arok. "I don't know where I shall be on June 1 - perhaps I'll be in Mexico at the World Cup where every national coach ought to be."

Queensland cannot be blamed for believing their State gets a raw deal when international team selections are made. It is not surprising that Ian Brusasco - a man who wields

considerable clout in the ASF - wants Frank Arok at the interstate game in Brisbane on June 1.

Queensland has high hopes that Lions' youngsters Danny Wright, Russell Stewart, Steve Jackson and David Hunter could be considered for the national squad.

QSF officials are having a laugh over the case of Brisbane's Alan Hunter. For two years, Queenslanders have been singing this player's praises but nobody seemed to be in-

terested.

Hunter was transferred to Melbourne club Heidelberg two months ago and already Melbournites are calling for him to be picked for Australia's squad.

On the Hunter affair, let president Brusasco have the last word: "It is quite remarkable that some in the south only regard Hunter as a good player now that he has left Queensland. It might pay people to take a closer look at a few other players we have up here."



AUSTRALIA'S COACH, FRANK AROK, IN TYPICALLY AGGRESSIVE MOOD.

MCGACHEY FACES MOMENT OF TRUTH

BY TOM MCKAIN

NEIL McGACHEY's coaching job with Adelaide Hellas is on the line as from next week following three home defeats.

With fans screaming for his head, he got a break last weekend because of the Nanda Cup, as fans see the NSL as the big one, with possible relegation for their club if they don't make the "super league" cut-off.

The ugliest scenes came after the Green Gully game when fans gathered outside the dressing rooms at Hindmarsh Stadium to howl for McGachey's blood.

While he cannot be blamed for the his players' actions — or inaction — on the field, traditionally it is the coach who gets the chop, not the players.

The club committee has tried to defuse the situation with a round of talks with the players, all of whom blamed themselves for the home defeats, and swore allegiance to their coach.

Hellas proved they can win, with a 4-2 triumph over City in Brisbane.

McGachey is philosophical about his future.

"I said from the start that the only certainty about this job was that I would be sacked one day," he said.

"I know we have a good team, and when we get our Scottish striker, the tide should turn."

As a former captain of the team which took out the NSL title in 1978, McGachey should have received a better deal from the fans, but after a bad run last season, then spending \$100,000 for Socceroos Robbie Dunn and Charlie Yankos, plus Scottish import Brian McLaughlin, patience on the terracing has run out.

The Yankos deal appears to have backfired. We understand the committee, and not McGachey, signed the rugged defender.

McGachey had planned to field Graham Honeyman behind central defender Dunn.

Honeyman had impressed national coach Frank Arok before being declared ineligible for Australia because of his Scottish Youth team games.



NEIL MCGACHEY

He had also been voted top player in the NSL last season.

Now the fans want to know why money had to be "wasted" on Yankos, with Honeyman left to play in midfield or up front.

Dunn has also been thrown into the front line in desperate moves to get goals.

He agreed to join Hellas provided he could play at the back to retain his Socceroo squad berth.

Yankos has failed to impress, perhaps because when he plays for the Socceroos he is fielded in a back five formation.

He is not a "classy" sweeper, and is finding it difficult to fit into the Hellas style of play.

The club has been in touch with their Scottish striker — still to be named — in an effort to get him here as soon as possible.

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THERE is a constant whinge from Australian Soccer clubs that the code does not get enough publicity in the press, on radio or on television.

On the surface, this does appear to be a legitimate complaint.

But having said that, there is also what might be termed the other side of the coin.

What do the clubs do to generate more publicity for Soccer?

Precious little, as we know all too well on a Soccer-only publication such as the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

These thoughts are inspired by a gesture from two New South Wales clubs... one in the Olympic Airways National League and the other in the Skypak State League.

The clubs are Blacktown City and Melita Eagles.

Blacktown supplied all branches of the media with comprehensive details of their players, plus excellent pictures.

Similarly, Melita sent photographs of all their players, in colour, to the media.

There were also photos of players sent to ASW by the Marconi club although copies were not distributed to many other media outlets.

And that just about sums up the total effort by Australia's Soccer clubs to assist the media.

It could be that the cost of taking pictures of some 18 to 20 players is beyond the budget of many clubs. If this is so, those clubs have no right to be among the elite in a national competition.

Assuming the cash shortage is not the reason, we are left with the disturbing thought that the media is not being helped simply because clubs are either indifferent or lazy!

Is there not one man, with sufficient interest and spare time, in each club to organise pictures and biographical details for the media?

Maybe the next time club officials complain about the lack of publicity they should ask themselves if THEY are doing anything to help improve the situation.

WHERE do representative matches fit into the over-crowded fixture lists in Australian Soccer?

ASW asks that question because of all the hassles facing Queensland in its attempt to stage a once-a-year challenge match against New South Wales.

Interstate matches used to be played regularly. When attendances at these matches fell off, they were ruthlessly axed from the programme.

That is a great pity. There is considerable interstate rivalry in other sports, in particular, of course, cricket.

The Sheffield Shield may not be a box office hit. It does not attract huge crowds. But it is an integral part of the Australian cricket season and will continue to be, regardless of the increasing and excessive demands of professional promoters who are interested only in making money.

In Rugby League, the matches between NSW and Queensland pull in big attendances and there is enormous interest generated in them by the media.

If only as a shop window of talent to help national coach Frank Arok sort out his Soccer-o selections, games between Victoria and South Australia, NSW and Queensland and so forth, would be worth staging.

In Brisbane, a visit from NSW will always bring in spectators. Perhaps not a full house but if 5,000 spectators turned up, nobody would lose much money on the promotion.

And in Melbourne, similarly, NSW should be able to drag a few fans to Olympic Park for an interstate battle.

ASW wishes Queensland every success in its efforts to make interstate games an annual affair.

NANDA CUP ROUND UP

DEMONS ARE GOING PLACES IN CUP AND CHAMPIONSHIP

BRISBANE CHASE THE CUP

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE City moved a step closer to its third national knockout cup win when it beat Melita Eagles 1-nil in the Nanda Cup second round match at Spencer Park.

While the victory gave the Brisbane side a quarter final passage, the manner of their win suggested that it would be a long, hard road if Jim Hermiston's side is to secure the trophy it won in 1977 and 1978.

Melita matched City in most departments but lacked a forward to capitalise on their good defensive and midfield build-ups. And once the NSW State League side fell behind, it was evident they would never get back into the game.

Injuries and suspensions forced Brisbane City to field a team below full strength and it was with a sigh of relief for all concerned when import Phil White headed the winner in the 83rd minute.

The goal was set up by Roberto Lettieri, who had earlier come on as a substitute for the out-of-form Alan Reis. Lettieri carried the ball down the left and played a pinpoint cross for White to head home.

Although only seven minutes remained, the goal boosted City's confidence and the National League side began playing with a commitment they perhaps should have given throughout the entire match.

And the extra effort almost produced a second goal when the Melita defence nearly put in their own net. In the end a last minute lunge by Greg McCoy knocked the ball off the line.

Melita, who had lost one and won one on their previous visits to Brisbane, gave a spirited showing but perhaps lost some penetration when Ray Farrugia needed two stitches in a head wound at half time.

Although he continued the match, the Maltese international lost some of his earlier dominance.

The win was a pleasing change for City, who had lost their previous NSL clash 0-5 and now Hermiston hopes to use the Cup victory as a springboard for this weekend's fixture against Heidelberg in Melbourne.

Brisbane City: Cox, Caird, Mengotti, Bromfield, Salvatore, Hogg, Hamilton, Milosevic, Cooper, Reis (Lettieri 67), White.

Melita: Pupovac, Williams, Tredinnick, Wilson, McCoy, Vial, Farrugia, Setbas (McAusland half time), Farnsworth, Griffiths (Dalton 73), Foxman.

Referee: Bill Monteverde.
Crowd: 867.

BLACKTOWN CITY looked all class and certainly a team going places when they downed St George 3-0 in the second round of the Nanda Cup in the double-header at St George Stadium on Sunday.

BY TOM ANDERSON

And I don't just mean into the third round of the cup - but going places in the 1986 honours chase.

Against the shocked Saints they were the Demons by name and Demons by nature.

Indeed they turned in a performance of exciting, well organised and venturesome football that left the Saints floundering in their wake.

Saints started like a house on fire and for the first 28 minutes looked as if this was going to be their afternoon.

Then against the run of play, former Saints star Robbie 'Red Baron' Slater headed a wonderful goal to put his team ahead.

This was the tonic the Demons needed and they went on to put it all together in fine style.

Their buildup was good and they caught the Saints defence out time and time again with the quick ball down either flank.

Blacktown's two other goals were scored by Joe Carroll in the 41st and 66th minutes.

Again these were magnificent efforts and worthy of any stadium throughout the world.

Although Saints fell away badly there is really not a lot wrong with their team that a dose of confidence up front won't help.

Their strikers are shot shy and the situation has now reached the stage where some of them are 'passing the buck' and won't take on the responsibility of having a shot.

No doubt maestro Frank Arok will do plenty of talking behind closed doors on this subject during the week.

On Sunday, Saints defenders twigged to this

deficiency and came forward to try and remedy it.

This left gaps at the back that the Demons grasped with both hands and capitalised on in expert fashion.

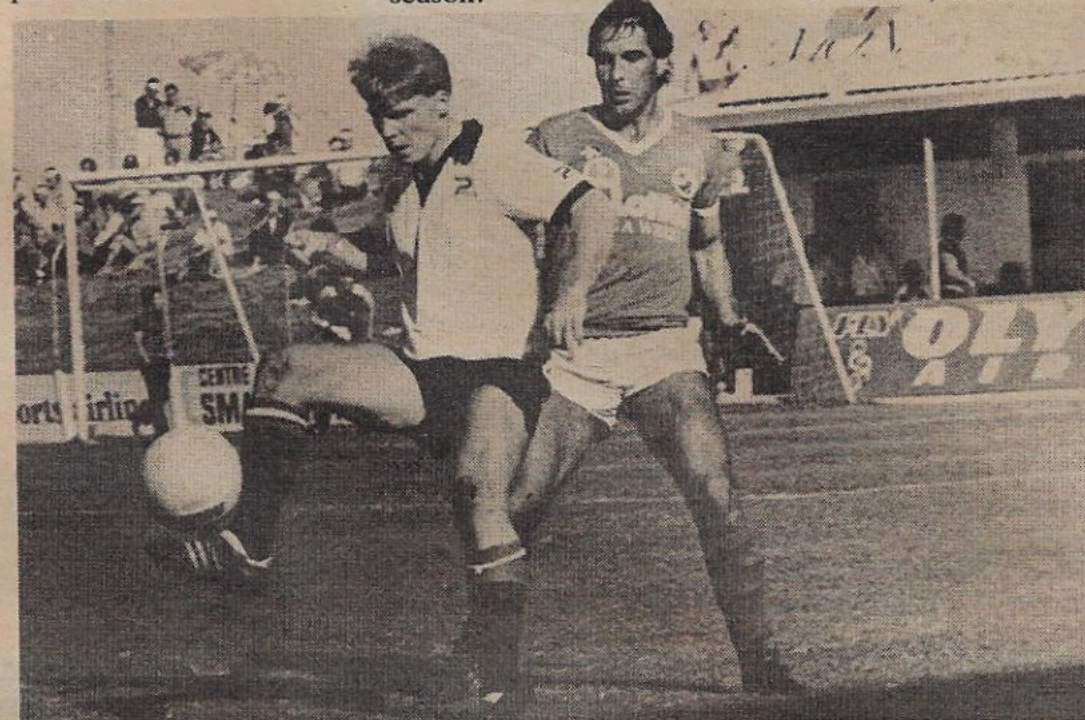
Despite the three goal margin, this was a highly entertaining struggle from start to finish and the quality of the football was top class.

But it was Blacktown's day and if they can reproduce this type of stuff for the rest of the season there are going to be big celebrations at their luxurious headquarters at Seven Hills come the end of the season.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R.O'Shea; J.O'Shea, Porter, Ricoy; Caban (McKie 64), Fletcher, Beluzic (Ollerenshaw 64).

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Willis, Ainsworth (Ellem 39), McLeod, Northam; Sharpe, Bradley, Knight, Sandy; Slater, Carroll.

REFEREE: Rob Davies.
CROWD: 5569.



BLACKTOWN'S ROBBIE SLATER controls the ball under pressure from St George's Robbie O'Shea.

BARNES INSPIRES SYDNEY CITY

SYDNEY CITY returned to the winner's circle when reinstated captain Murray Barnes powered his men to a 2-0 victory, knocking out Newcastle Rosebud in round 2 of the Nanda Soccer Cup at the Sydney Athletic Field.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Barnes' powerhouse thrusts from Sydney City's midfield applied enormous pressure that Newcastle found hard to handle.

Together with Gerardo Gomez and Joe Watson, Sydney City soon laid down the law which the Novocastrians had to obey.

The back-four of Robbie Hooker, Steve O'Connor, Alex Robertson and Jean Paul de Marigny never looked uncomfortable from any assaults launched on them by Newcastle.

Big things were expected from striker Sean Ingham but the former AIS Athlete found that playing against City was a different story to playing against Sydney Olympic when he cracked a brace of goals last week against them.

Sydney City hit the lead in the 12th minute when a Barnes power-drive at the target deflected out to Frank Farina.

The well-balanced Farina did not disappoint with the opportunity presented to him and slammed home a nice goal giving goalkeeper Clint Gosling no chance.

But Newcastle raised a glimmer of hope in the 16th minute when their skipper Joe Senkalski smashed a 22 metre drive at the target which City's goalkeeper Alex McPherson gathered well.

Senkalski again brought hope to his team when just one minute before half-time, he crashed his 20 metre free-kick against McPherson's right post.

Newcastle struggled to gain supremacy but their defenders, Milosevic, Maier, Bannon and Cavanagh were reluctant to come forward and contribute to the attack.

The blond, left flank-striker, Grant Lee, nailed Sydney City's second goal in the 73rd minute, when he followed up a Hooker "bomb" on the post to hammer home first time.

Eddie Thomson relatively pleased with his lads, stated after the match:

"The pitch was too fast and the windy conditions were not conducive for attractive Soccer."

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson; Hooker, O'Connor (Souness 79), Robertson, de Marigny; Gomez, Watson, Barnes; Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling; Milosevic (Garland 80), Bannon, Maier, Cavanagh; Crabtree (Haynes 72), Senkalski, Owens, Naumov; Jones, Ingham. Referee: R.Lorenc. Crowd: about 300.

CUP RESULTS

BLACKTOWN 3 (J Carroll 2, R Slater) b ST GEORGE 0 at St George Stadium.

CROYDON CITY 2 (J McLean, G French) b SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (A Davidson) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4000.

CANBERRA 1 (J Harkins) b MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1445.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (A Scott) b ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 5000.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (S Stevenson) b WOLONGONG 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5569.

HEIDELBERG 2 (N Deligiannis, A Hunter) b FOOTSCRAY 1 (Z Lujic) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4000.

BRISBANE CITY 1 (P White) b MELITA 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1200.

SYDNEY CITY 2 (F Farina, G Lee) b NEWCASTLE 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 350.

NANDA CUP ROUND UP NANDA CUP

OLYMPIC FIND THE 'GONG TOUGH GOING

SYDNEY OLYMPIC found John Fleming's Wollongong City a tough nut to crack in their second round Nanda Cup clash at the St George Stadium. Only an incredible, freak defensive error allowed Sydney Olympic a 1-nil victory.

As the match looked ready to go into extra time and possibly into a shoot-out situation, substitute striker Stuart Stevenson scored the winner with a clever, quick-thinking lobbed shot.

Warwick Young, Wollongong's goalkeeper, raced off his line and well

out of his box to head clear what everyone at first thought was a brilliant piece of quick thinking.

But alas, no sooner had the ball left Young's forehead when Stevenson read the intended clearance well.

The powerful blond

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

striker, who had come on 17 minutes earlier to replace Stuart Johnston, gathered possession and immediately rifled a 28 metre lobbed shot straight back into the empty Wollongong net.

The boys from BHP country, put up a show of steel-defence up until then, holding their more illustrious opponents well at bay.

The Wollongong midfield quartet of Robert Giraldo, Brian Cokely, Willie Murray and Larry Gaffney, outplayed as well as outnumbered the Olympic trio of Johnston, Peter Raskopoulos and Gary Phillips.

In fact, Wollongong launched the first real threat on target when in the 20th minute, David Batten fired a short-ranged scorcher on the first post which giant Olympic goalkeeper, Gary Meier blocked for a corner.

Seven minutes later, Olympic's block-busting flank-striker, Chris Kalantzis, belted a five metre shot at the left post which goalkeeper Young together with right-back David Green, smothered.

And two minutes from "drinks", Kalantzis whipped across a long ball to right midfielder Stuart Johnston on the back stick. Johnston volleyed from 12 metres out but was unable to keep his blast under the timber.

Wollongong's young blond right back, David Green, blocked everything that came down his line, denying Kalantzis any space as well as penetration whilst twin-strikers David Batten and Peter Kotamanidis repeatedly broke Olympic's back-line with searching raids.

Olympic's young left-back, Emanuel Spanoudakis did well but lacked the experience and confidence to come forward to help the attack.

In the 70th minute, Olympic came very close to get the goal they were after when skipper Raskopoulos fired a cross to Kalantzis. Kalantzis met the cross well but his header flashed just wide of the target.

Wollongong will trouble every team in the Olympic Airways Soccer League this season as they play as a unit and never shirk their defensive work.

Best performers for Wollongong were Green, Ray Vliestra, Reg Chilby and Willie Murray whilst Olympic saw good games from youngster, Emanuel Spanoudakis and centre-back, Mike Coady.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Stankovic (Estavillo 46th), Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis; Johnston (Stevenson 60th), Raskopoulos, Phillips; Brandt, Soper, Kalantzis.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young; Green, Vliestra, Chilby, Morlando; Giraldo, Cokely, Murray, Gaffney (Acoso 78); Kotamanidis, Batten. Referee: R. Lorenc. Crowd: 5,569.



Above and Below action from the Sydney Olympic — Wollongong Cup clash.



THEO SOLVES A BERGER WORRY

HEIDELBERG coach Brian Garvey, after Theo Selemidis' good display in the sweeper position last week, told South African import Andy Higgins that he was no longer wanted.

The Bergers now want to sell Higgins to State Leaguers Northcote City.

BY JIM HARVEY

Heidelberg opened brightly against Footscray and in the 15th minute Alan Hunter came up for a corner and distracted the Footscray defence enough for Nick Deligiannis to bang the ball home from close range.

Footscray equalised in the 24th minute when Zvracko Lujic popped up on the right, slipped his marker and slammed the ball past Jeff Olver.

Six minutes later though, that man Hunter reappeared in the Footscray penalty area after another set piece, and was completely unmarked, as he scored from close range.

Heidelberg kept a tight grip on the game after that, and on the few occasions that the Blues' attackers got within shooting range they found Jeff Olver in Soccerroo form.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Oblak (Curovic 60), Barjaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Latif (Simic 70), Bozinovski, Lujic.

Heidelberg: Olver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Deligiannis (Metaxas 65), Valentine (Angeles 60), Selemidis, Kanesoulis, Pappas, Lucchesi, Tsolakis

FRANKEN THE HERO AGAIN

BY GRAHAM COOKE

GOALKEEPER Anthony Franken, the man who seems to be on permanent overtime for Canberra City these days, was once again the player of the match as his side eased into the third round of the Nanda Cup with a 1-nil win over Melbourne Croatia.

The game was at Canberra's Bruce Stadium, but it was more like a home match for Melbourne as the local Croatian contingent urged their favourites on for an equaliser as time began to run out.

And it was Franken who thwarted them.

In a desperate last 10 minutes the Soccerroo candidate was out to make a save from Josip Biskic, then was at full stretch to divert a drive from Ante Ljubic with his foot, whirling round to clear up the loose ball.

Finally, with the game into its last minute, he was happy to watch a header from Davor Todoric into the side netting.

No-one was more delighted than the talented young goalkeeper when the final whistle signalled that City had weathered the storm, and he raced to the exit tunnel embracing his team-mates and waving to the crowd.

The goal that sealed Croatia's fate came three minutes into the second half. Goalkeeper Zeljko Govic could not gather a Steve Bryant corner and Jim Harkins was on hand to force the ball into the net. . . referee Jim Reeves

awarding the goal over the protest of Govic who complained bitterly that it had not crossed the line.

After a series of indifferent matches, City's fight and commitment must have been a delight to coach Roy Thomson.

Their star - at least until Franken's match saving performance - was Bryant, also in the action at the heart of the midfield.

Hilton Phillips continued to show that half a season spent in England has done his game no harm and was a constant worry to the Croatia defence until he was forced from the field with a hamstring injury in the 70th minute.

Best for Croatia was Drago Deankovic with some telling runs.

Canberra City: Franken, Cant, Mazis, Mihailidis, Burke, Phillips (Dunn 70), Sermanni, Bryant, Gibson, Harkins, Junna.

Melbourne Croatia: Govic, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hanna, Campbell, Biskic, Bonacic (Gojevic 66), Ljubic, Markovac (Todoric 51), Talagic.

Referee: J. Reeves. Crowd: 1455.

CROYDON SLAM TOP TEAM

CUP football has a habit of providing upsets and the second round of the Nanda Cup proved to be no exception.

BY JIM HARVEY

In the double header at Olympic Park, South Melbourne were crushed by this year's giant killer, State League champion Croydon City.

In the second game of the double header Heidelberg put a brake on Footscray's recent improvement with a convincing 2-1 win.

Croydon City, conqueror of Green Gully by the convincing score of 3-nil in the first round of the Cup, was always on top of South Melbourne.

South struggled throughout and it was by no means against the run of play when Jim McLean put Croydon ahead in the 47th minute from the penalty spot.

South equalised one minute later, through stand-in striker Alan Davidson, who left Croydon

goalkeeper Peter Blasby standing with a stinging drive.

Croydon settled the issue with a neat opportunist goal from Graham French.

A Jim McLean free kick bent round three South defenders and French deftly touched it past Peter Laumets.

The loss leaves South Melbourne in some disarray and no doubt now the club will redouble its efforts to acquire at least a top class striker and a good midfielder where the loss of Oscar Crino is so apparent.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, McDowall, Miranda, Egan, Halford, Davidson, Postecoglou, Nicolaidis, Tasios.

Croydon City: Blasby, Brown, Tansey, McDonald, O'Reilly, Beech, Livingstone, Humble, French, Brogan, McLean.

ON THE ROAD TO MOROCCO? NOT NOW — THEY'RE ON THE ROAD TO MEXICO

WHEN the name of Morocco is mentioned throughout the world the first reaction is to think of the film "The Road to Morocco" which starred Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour!

But now in 1986 things have changed and Morocco are on "The Road to Mexico" and the World Cup finals.

Indeed it is the second time Morocco has gone on "The Road to Mexico" as it also qualified for the finals there in 1970.

Now with the eyes of the world upon them, Morocco will take the road with a shaky defence and a desire to improve on their 1970 sortie when they never won a game and were beaten 2-1 by West Germany, 3-0 by Peru and drew 1-1 with Bulgaria — a record similar to that of the Socceroos when they played in the 1974 finals in West Germany.

"We have a good chance to qualify for the second round," said midfielder Mustapha El Haddaoui, one of the team's professional stars who will have to be at his best if the North African team is to progress from a first round group that includes England, Poland and Portugal.

"England will be difficult, but Portugal and Poland I think we can beat," Haddaoui said.

Moroccan optimism is based on a run of successes in the past three years under Brazilian manager Jose Mehdi Faria, including its qualification for the 1984 Olympic Games, a victory in the Mediterranean Cup competition, and its capture of one of the African zone qualifications, with neighbour Algeria, for the World Cup finals.

The winning run is attributed mainly to Faria and a youth movement begun by Faria's predecessors to try and take Morocco out of the rut it fell into after its 1970 World Cup qualification — the only previous time the North African country had qualified.

The team is built around the talented mid-field duo of Haddaoui and Aziz Bouderbala, both professionals in Switzerland. They run the attack and create opportunities for two dependable strikers — Abdelkrim Merry "Krimau" of Le Havre in France and Khalid El Bied of the FUS de Rabat club.

Krimau's brother, Mustapha Merry of the French second division club Valenciennes, is also available to strengthen the attack.

But defence remains Morocco's weakness, particularly with veteran full-back Abdelmajid Lemriss suffering from a leg injury that could keep him out of Faria's line-up in Mexico.

The Brazilian manager of Morocco's national Soccer team told his players he would convert from Christianity to Islam if they qualified for the World Cup in Mexico.

That is how Jose Faria, who took the Moroccan job in 1983, became Mehdi Faria after Morocco defeated Libya to earn one of the two African qualifying spots for Mexico and give an example of his commitment to his adopted country.



BADDOU ZAKI, captain and goalkeeper of Morocco

Faria, who left the first division Fluminense club in Rio de Janeiro to manage the Qatar national team before moving on to Morocco, has had a remarkable run of successes in Rabat.

Under his guidance, Morocco first won the Mediterranean Cup, then qualified for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, then qualified for the 1986 World Cup for the first time since 1970.

The first division club he manages, the Royal Armed Forces of Rabat, is Moroccan champion.

Faria's style is typically Brazilian. His players use a 10-man attack, moving the ball up the field with quick, short passes, always looking for the open space to set up a shot.

"For Moroccan players, it is the system we need. It suits us," said Mustapha El

BY TOM ANDERSON

Haddaoui.

Faria was the second Brazilian manager to take the job in Morocco after former French star Just Fontaine gave it up five years ago. He continued a youth movement begun by his predecessors to try and bring Moroccan Soccer out of a decade of mediocrity.

It didn't help his work that Faria speaks neither of Morocco's two languages, Arabic and French, and communicates with his players through an interpreter, team doctor Khalid Hasseni.

"In Soccer, you don't need to speak the language to manage," said Aziz Bouderbala. "The team doctor translates and we all understand."

Ironically for a manager who cannot speak directly to his players, Aziz said Faria's strength was the way he handles his charges.

"He creates an incredible ambience on the team. The players want to play for him," said Aziz, who thrives on Brazilian-style Soccer.

He said it begins in training, where Faria rejects the idea of training without the ball to build up physical conditioning as favoured by many European teams.

"We can run 10 kilometres in a practice, but when you have the ball, you don't feel it. The Moroccans are like all the African players. They don't like to run. But if you run with the ball, they accept it," said Aziz.

"He has brought a lot to our team. You just have to look at the results," said Haddaoui.

Faria appears to have settled in Rabat. He married a Moroccan woman, adopted Islam and has become a national celebrity for his work with the national side and with his club.

"He likes the people and he has been given carte blanche by the king to do what he wants with the national team. It has become his second home," Aziz said.

Both central defenders, 31-year-old Noureddine Bouyayahoui and 27-year-old Mustapha El Byaz, are considered experienced but limited players, and 31-year-old full-back Khalifa Labd was recalled to the national team this year after several unsuccessful experiments with younger players.

The team is solid in goal with Baddou Zaki, the spectacular team captain who has been a fixture in the national side since 1979.

Unlike its group F rivals, Morocco considers itself lucky to play the first round at Monterrey, which at 540 meters is the lowest altitude of any match site in Mexico. Its first-round rivals fear the comparatively low altitude will negate the effect of pre-World Cup altitude training.

Aziz said Morocco will have the extra advantage of being used to the hot,

desert, climate.

"I think we were lucky to be drawn to play in the heat and not the mountains," Aziz said.

If the going gets tough for Morocco in the World Cup Finals all they need to do is call for Aziz Bouderbala.

Aziz should be able to provide the perfect remedy to calm his teammates' nerves and relax them.

He plays the Arabic Lute, and in his own words, "It helps me unwind from the pressures of Soccer."

Aziz was 17, and studying the instrument in a music conservatory in Casablanca when he was called up by the Moroccan national Soccer team.

That was eight years ago. He now plays for Sion in the Swiss First Division, has modelled his game on the Brazilians — but still plays the instrument!

"I play the lute at home, by myself, at night, to unwind from the pressures of Soccer in a cold, strange country," he says. "Those who do not play a musical instrument don't really have the same feeling for music," he said. "For me, it nourishes me, like eating or sleeping. It has the same effect."

Aziz has emerged as Morocco's top player and its best chance for success in Mexico. The talented attacking midfielder, who dribbles and passes in a style reminiscent of the Brazilians he admires, is the most creative and dangerous player in the team.

"I was lucky to get to play in the team," said the cheerful, mustachioed Moroccan, "at that time, in 1979, there was a terrible let-down in Soccer in Morocco and they decided to give a chance to the young players, so they called me up. I've been in the team ever since."

He has now played more than 70 internationals.

He moved two years ago from the WAC of Casablanca club to Sion where he is content despite the physical European brand of Soccer in which talented, technical players cannot express themselves.

Relaxing in a Sion restaurant, the "Cafe Brazilian", Aziz said he was undecided in his teenage

years whether to study music or play Soccer.

He spent five years at the music conservatory, starring in various teams in the WAC organisation, one of Morocco's strongest first division clubs.

"But I guess I spent almost no time at all on my music and all my time on sports," he said.

Unlike his midfield partner Mustapha El Haddaoui, Aziz says he is satisfied to play for the national side — under Brazilian manager Jose Mehdi Faria — and Sion.

He isn't looking for a more lucrative offer from a professional club in Italy or other European countries.

"We Moroccans have a different mentality from Europeans and our style is different. That is why many players would rather stay in Morocco and earn less money than go to Europe," he said. "I know when I came here it took me six months to adjust, but I'm settled now and I've made some good friends. If I went somewhere else, I'd have to adjust all over again."

Aziz was nine years old when he teamed the last Moroccan team to play in the World Cup Finals — in 1970.

"I remember that so well. We still tell stories about those players in Morocco. They were heroes to us," said Aziz.

Morocco was drawn in one of the toughest groups for Mexico with England, Poland and Portugal.

"It is clear that we will have to work," said Aziz. "The English are all professionals and play such a physical game."

"They run like fools. But we love English football in Morocco."

What does a name matter if you can score goals like Morocco's veteran striker Abdelkrim Merry?

He was born in Casablanca 31 years ago with the name Abdelkrim, which he shortened to Krimau and is known as Merry Krimau in France, where he has played professionally for the past decade.

The French League guidebook lists him as Henry Krimau and his younger brother, a striker for Valenciennes, is known as Mustapha Merry.

With his ability to score goals, however, French defenders have come to call him "sir."

Krimau, fellow striker La Bied and attacking midfielder Aziz Bouderbala give Morocco one of Africa's most potent attacks and were in large measure responsible for earning the North African nation a place in the World Cup finals.

The 1.83 metre, 79 kilo striker was French club Le Havre's top goalscorer this season with 15 goals.

"He's a good player with a lot of experience," said Mustapha el-Haddaoui. "He loves space but he is also very dangerous in the defence. The thing about Krimau is that you can count on him. If he gets the ball and a clear shot at the goal, you know it will go in."

Krimau, who like many of his team-mates grew up playing with crowds of boys on dusty city streets, was starring for a Moroccan second division team when the French club Bastia noticed him at a tournament.

He made the jump to Corsica the next year and has since become of the French League's most travelled players, moving from Bastia to Lille, Metz, Strasbourg, Tours and finally last season to Le Havre, which had just earned promotion to first division while Tours was relegated.

At each stop, he became a crowd favourite for his speed and a knack for making that last quick pass to set up a goal.

He scores goals in bunches, like a three-game stretch last autumn when he scored seven, including four in a 4-3 Le Havre victory over Toulon.

Krimau's experience — particularly against European competition — will be handy in a team that has only five players who have played professional Soccer in Europe. His skills could make Morocco a dangerous spoiler in its tough first round group in Mexico with England, Poland and Portugal.

Mustapha Haddaoui, watching the snow gust and swirl around Lausanne's Olympic Stadium, said his ambitions have risen since he left Morocco for the cold world of professional Soccer in

Switzerland.

Haddaoui, 24, left friends and Casablanca sunshine behind last autumn to join the Swiss first division club and play a completely new brand of Soccer.

"It's okay, but it's really another game here. It is more physical, more practical, more disciplined," said Haddaoui, who with Aziz Bouderbala, forms the axis of the Moroccan attack.

Haddaoui had been with Raja of Casablanca for 12 years when he was offered a contract with Lausanne, which was looking for a talented foreign player to boost its attack.

The slim, bearded Moroccan said he signed for only one year, with an option for another year, in the hope that with some European experience, he might move on to a stronger League in France or Italy.

Haddaoui was 10 years old, playing street Soccer regularly with friends, when asked if he would play a match for a club team in the neighbourhood. After two matches, Haddaoui was with an elite team for his age group.

His play caught the attention of the Raja club, who invited him to join their extensive Soccer organisation.

"I was exalted," said Haddaoui. "Thousands of people want to play for Raja. They are the most technical team in Morocco and one of the best. Everyone likes the way they play."

Haddaoui was as much a star at Raja as in his neighbourhood and he played for the first division club at 17. Three years later, with Morocco's international programme floundering with tired veterans, he was named for the national team.

It took only one match to confirm his place on the national side, where he has played 39 internationals in the past four years.

"The manager leave me to play as I feel so the way I play here in Lausanne is the same as I play in my club in Morocco," he said. "Even though I'm the central man at mid-field, I don't go back on defence. I'm always on attack."

"He's a very strong technical player. Good shot, good vision," said Lausanne's Romanian manager Radu Nunweile. "He is starting to play the European game a little more. Morocco's players have the double task of representing their country and their often under-rated continent."

"We have to prove we are better," said Haddaoui. "Cameroon and Algeria both played well in the last World Cup and there wasn't collusion between West Germany and Austria. Algeria would have got through the first round."



This is Morocco's World Cup team which will face the might of England, Portugal and Poland in the first phase of the Cup in Monterrey.

IMMIGRATION PROBLEM?

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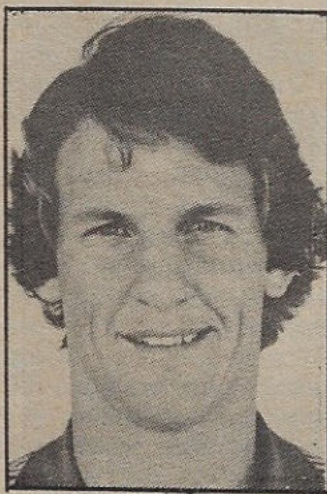
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THE GLOVES ARE OFF

CITY NOT SO SLICK SAYS TERRY

STAR WRITER

Terry Greedy



AFTER turning on the TV the other night I had to grab for the programme guide to check if "Countdown" had changed stations.

At first glance I thought Michael Jackson must have signed a contract with Sydney City but on closer examination I realised it was only Gerry Gomez leading the Slickers in their new song and dance act they have recorded to assist with promotion.

I was stunned by the dulcet tones of the Sydney Slickers telling me they were the fastest kickers (I don't think anyone will argue with that).

Rex was a little generous giving them one point for talent. It had to be a sympathy vote judging from the song and dance performance they put on.

But I did agree with the ten points Rex awarded for courage. What a shame "Twinkle-toes Thomson" was unable to show us his dancing skills.

Whilst any sponsorship money will have to be used for singing and dancing lessons the club must be congratulated for their forward thinking to initiate a promotion campaign to secure sponsors.

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Tony Labozzetta certainly made his feelings regarding the annual clash between Queensland and NSW well known when he stated the game was merely a friendly, insinuating that it was of little importance.

Mr Labozzetta has never played in one of these games. Indeed I'm only guessing but I would say he has never taken the opportunity to witness one of these clashes.

If he had he would surely know there is nothing friendly about these games. Players from north of the border see this as their best chance to impress the national coach and judging from the crowd that turns up each year there is a great deal

of interest in the outcome of the game and this can only benefit the code up north.

An annual competition incorporating all states of Australia should be organised by the ASF. This would be great for players in those states who feel disadvantaged when national squads are announced.

These clashes would provide players with the perfect opportunity to press their claims for selection and this in turn would guarantee a competitive approach to the games.

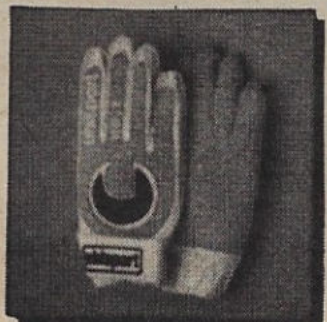
Such competitions are held at junior levels to assist with team selections so why not at senior level where I'm sure public interest would be considerable.

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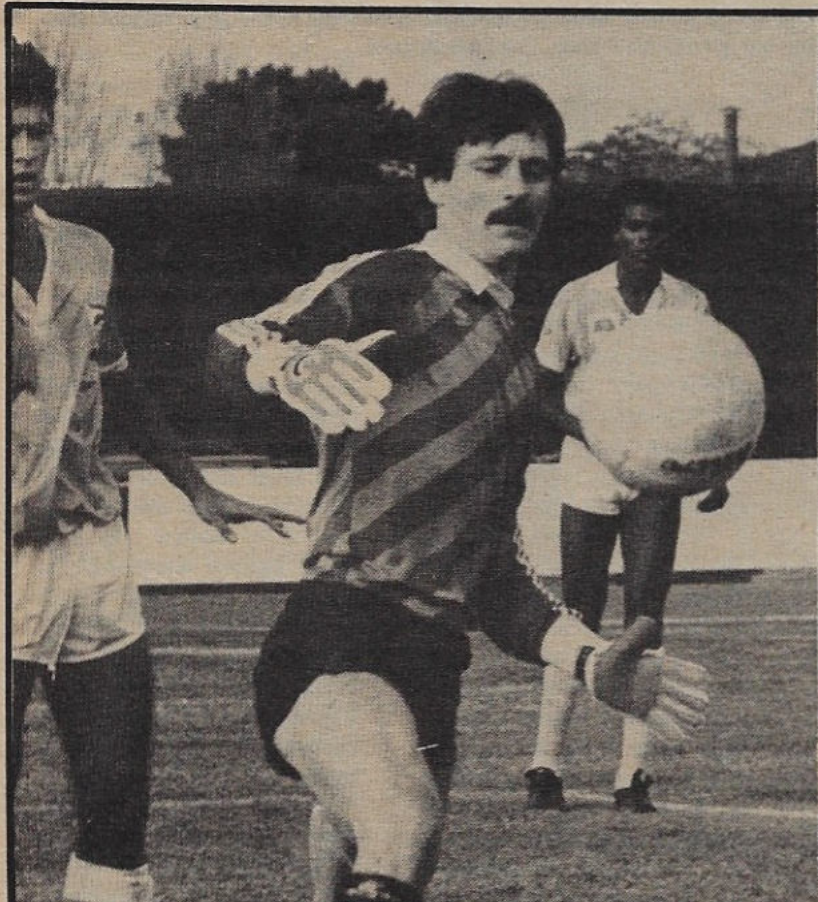
A month ago it was Tony Pezzano copping "buckets" from the press for a below par performance. Now, after the recent Sydney City-Croatia game it appears it's Alex McPherson's turn. Con-

sidering he was on a winning side which had comprehensively beaten one of the league favourites the criticism seems unfair.

Tony Pezzano hit back at the critics with two clean sheets in his next two competition games and I'm sure Alex will respond to the extra pressure placed on him by the press in similar fashion.



Terry Greedy



ALEX McPHERSON, in action



Greedy believes he will bounce back.

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And McGachey has spoken to another Scot, Billy Paton, brother of Victorian Jamie, currently playing in Ireland.

A six-footer with a swag of goals to his credit, he wants to come to Australia and McGachey has asked him to state his terms.

Meanwhile he has to battle on with Honeyman plus George Konstandopoulos, Lou Hristodoulou and Gary Price as his "pool" of strikers.

And this weekend they will be hoping to repeat the Brisbane win when they take off for Melbourne Juventus.

If they fail, then McGachey may not get a chance to prove he can field a team which will keep the club on the national scene.



CHARLIE YANKOS

DESPERATE TEAMS PRODUCE SO MANY STRANGE RESULTS

SAYS FRANK SCICLUNA

THE 1986 Olympic Airways Soccer League is still in its very early stages, yet pre-season predictions of a competitive struggle for survival are already beginning to come to fruition.

With only a handful of matches played, shock results have been plentiful in both Northern and Southern Divisions and the days when the outcome of certain games could be predicted with confidence are well and truly gone.

Take the following results as an example. In the opening round of the competition Marconi travelled to Wollongong confident of obtaining the two points, but went home empty-handed after a surprise 2-1 defeat by the Wolves.

In the next round, Wollongong themselves were defeated by Blacktown but the following Sunday, the Demons were clearly trounced by Marconi 3-0.

Northern Division champions Sydney City began with a disappointing 0-0 draw at Newcastle who, in turn, were easily beaten 4-0 by Sydney Croatia the following week.

In the third round, however, the Slickers turned the tables by accounting for Croatia 4-2.

These sort of topsy-turvy results were not only confined to the Northern Division. The South also had its share of surprises. No one could have expected Footscray to take two points off the mighty South Melbourne after Footscray went down by a near record 7-1 to Adelaide City in their previous game.

The cut-throat nature of this year's competition, with half the clubs in danger of being relegated,

has been a major contributor to all the uncertainty connected with each game. While the season is sure to continue to be a tipster's nightmare, the fans are in for plenty of drama and excitement at most matches.

Any team that approaches a game with the slightest sign of complacency is certainly going to be in for a rude shock.

There is, however, one negative aspect that could destroy what should otherwise be a great season, and that is the distinct possibility of teams, desperate for points, resorting to a brand of anti-football in their quest for survival.

Any side that is not capable of carving out a victory through sheer football ability will find it much easier to collect points by simply destroying whatever their opponents try to create. But in the process, they finish up destroying the game as a spectacle.

Soccer is all about fluency and creativity. That's what fans expect in return for their \$5, and with the exception of a hard core of fanatical supporters who are satisfied so long as their team collects a point or two, the overwhelming majority will simply stay away from our grounds unless that entertainment is provided.

In a way, we can't expect players and coaches to do otherwise; after all, they have a duty to their clubs.

They also have a duty towards the game itself, but one can partly understand the neglect of this responsibility when the need for points become desperate.

One area that could possibly help rectify the

situation is that of refereeing.

There's no denying that a referee must pull up a player when an offence is committed, or give a card when it's warranted, but the game must suffer as a spectacle if it's turned into a never-ending procession of fouls, free kicks and other stoppages.

It also plays into the hands of the offending team as their tactics of destroying continuity and rhythm become more effective.

If referees use a little more commonsense rather than strictly apply the rules to the letter, we may see more fluency in our games.

It could also prove beneficial for referees to have a talk to each team before they leave the dressing rooms, and make it clear that any nonsense will not be tolerated.

Players have got to understand that skilful opponents need to be protected and referees must give that protection for the sake of spectators.

It seems that we now have an unwritten law which allows players to get away with violent conduct without getting sent off UNLESS they were shown a yellow card first. Referees must get the message across that certain offences warrant dismissal from the field whether a prior caution had been given or not.

It's then up to the ref to enforce and act upon this rule.

How many times have we seen offenders get away with repeated violence after earlier getting booked simply because the referee did not have the courage to send anyone off?

On the other hand, players sometimes risk the possibility of a send-off knowing full well that the suspension will only be for one match.

Is it unreasonable to suggest that some offences are far more serious than others, therefore the punishment should be in line with the offence?

This season has all the ingredients of being the most exciting and closely-fought one since the introduction of the NSL and that can only be good for the game, but for goodness sake, let's not lose this opportunity of regaining the interest and enthusiasm of spectators. Soccer must give them the skill and entertainment for which they so hungrily yearn.

SYDNEY CITY action (below, they have been involved in some strange results already.)



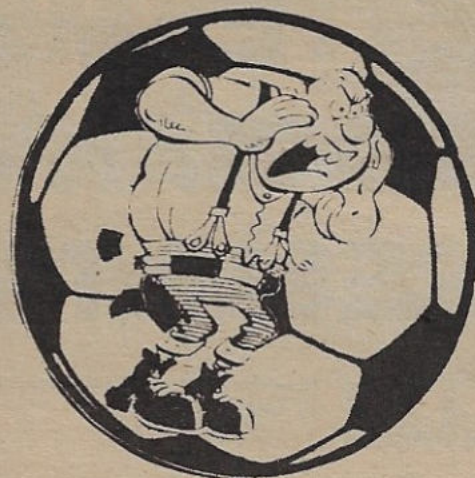
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CHIT CHAT

SOCCER in Tasmania could be on the up if one considers the performances of three Hobart youngsters — all from the same family.

The three boys — Sasha Puclin (13) and his brothers, Danny (10) and Nathan (8) — are keen Soccer players and practice and play constantly.

Their father, Eddie, himself a former goalkeeper with Osijek (Yugoslavia), Glenorchy-Croatia, Rapid and South Hobart and Tasmania, encourages the boys (and occasionally lines up between the sticks against his sons, who are all strikers).

While practicing their juggling they have set themselves a tough target to beat. Sasha has juggled 1560 times, Danny, 1090, and Nathan, who says he is a 'learner', 80.

Their dedication and skill will be a bonus for them in the future.

BLACKTOWN CITY is very proud of its match day programme. It is a glossy covered 12-page booklet containing not only the team line-ups but also player profiles, a column by Demons coach Casey De Bruin, fixtures and league tables, general news items and a section for the younger fans to obtain player autographs.

The cost of producing such a programme is covered by advertisements which allows the Demons to provide a copy to each spectator **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Blacktown are so proud of their programme that they challenge any other club to produce one which is equal to it or better. Judging by recent OASL match programmes Blacktown's claim that theirs is the very best in the League will remain unchallenged.

IDEA: Our usual early start to the season is diabolical, so what could and should happen is that the respective Ampol Cups kick-off later than usual and semi-finals and finals be ended in a week.

Then the OASL would kick-off and have about a month's break during mid-winter to allow the State Championship to be played.

ASW is sure that a competition of that nature would surely create great interest if played at the right time of day and at major venues.

BRISBANE CITY officials declared their recent match against Brunswick United as "David Reis Day" in celebration of Alan Reis' wife Tracey giving birth to their first baby in the preceding week.

But it was a baptism father and son will probably like to forget, City were thrashed 5-0 by the national champions.

WALLY SAVOR's move to right-back has proved a masterstroke by Sydney Croatia coach, **VED-RAN ROZIC**.

Against Apia Leichhardt last weekend Savor played a leading role in the 1-0 win: more than once he abruptly ended the flashy runs of Apia's winger Darren Stewart with perfectly timed tackles.

THE knockers of **JOHN KOSMINA** had better rethink their bagging of the Sydney City and Australian skipper.

If the way he put away his two goals against Blacktown last week is any indication of the season he may have, he will be the constant menace to defences that he has always been.

In fact the manner in which he put away his first goal with a deft header from a powerful cross from Gerry Gomez was all class.

THIS might shock Canberra City supporters who are still around.

The Olympians Peruvian recruit Augusto Palacios of 1978 World Cup fame has returned to Peru!

Now before we have any scenes down in 'Parliament House Territory' Palacios is only away for two weeks for a rest period after dislocating his elbow a fortnight ago

SOUTHERN Tasmanian referee, **Brian Clarkson**, father of AIS player, David Clarkson, has been honoured with the Rex Fabian Trophy as 'Referee of the Year' for 1985.

Previous winners have been Jack Johnson (1978, 79), Norm Johnson (1980), Keith Gredland (1981), Duncan Fairly (1982), Alan Anderson (1983) and David de Cani (1984).

DID SYDNEY CROATIA pay too much for **MANIS LAMOND**?

The answer almost unanimously around the traps is ... yes. Although the player is multi-talented it is hard to see any player in Australia being worth that sort of money.

But in his few outing for his new club, Lamond has been in fine form.

AS reported in CHIT-CHAT last week history WAS nearly made in Aussie Soccer last week with the screening of the first OASL match live to most cities in Australia through the Soccer channel SBS.

The proposed match was of course the **APIA - SYDNEY CROATIA** match from the Croatian Sports Centre.

Everything seemed set for it to happen on the Monday but on Tuesday it was announced because of technical difficulties involved SBS would be unable to partake in the proposal, so it was all shelved for perhaps another day.

That day seemingly arrived earlier than most expected when somehow early on the Sunday morning prior to the match the live screening possibilities raised its head again.

From whom, it is unsure but quite rightly the Croatian club knocked the idea on its head mainly because it required a 5pm kick-off and there was no chance to making it viable because the multitude of supporters would not be wise to the later kick-off.

Fair enough. But then somehow the proposal of a 5pm kick-off was leaked to a fair few Croatia supporters!

In the end 5341 turned up and many were still at home come 3pm. Rest assured the phone calls to the King Tomislav Club came thick and fast.

STEVE ATSALES, Adelaide Hellas midfielder, is still at least a month away from a comeback following a knee operation.

However, he has started light training, but coach **Neil McGachey** is not counting on him this season.



PICTURED ABOVE are two players with different destinies. On the left is **DOUG BROWN** currently of South Melbourne but possibly soon to depart, has not been in any sort of form this year and was finally dropped last week by coach John Margaritis. Challenging him is deposed Marconi captain **TONY HENDERSON** who is fighting his way back into the side after a slump. His improvement was vindicated when Marconi beat Sydney City 3-2 when he came on as substitute to grab victory for Marconi.

WHO'D want to be a referee? Not many people these days but could you blame anyone when you witness what happened in last week's Melbourne Croatia v Footscray match.

In the 25th minute of the match Croatia's Tony Redmond sent a poor backpass in the vicinity of his goalie Mirko Runje.

J.U.S.T. striker Ossie Latif ran onto the ball and went past Runje and was seemingly brought down.

The referee consulted with his linesman and awarded a penalty. On viewing the video of the incident it became apparent that Latif had little or no chance of getting to the runaway ball.

Full marks to the ref for consulting his linesman who in hindsight was wrong.

Once again the men-in-black found out through the bane of their whistling lives — the video replay. How they must hate television!

THE Socceroos almost got another crack at the World Cup.

While the top Scottish clubs were fighting with the Scottish Football Association recently, the leading clubs threatened to pull out all their players from the international squad.

Fortunately peace was made when it was agreed to revamp the Premier League for next season.

HE's not about to start wearing corks on his hat to highlight the fact, but new Lions coach Col Bennett is proudly claiming that he is the only Australian-born coach in the National League. He is definitely Lions first Australian NSL coach after a run of Scots Yugoslavs, Germans, Italians and Dutchmen.

"It has been a long time coming. I think back to the national sides I was in and there are only a few players who turned to coaching. Peter Oller-ton was one who did, but he's no longer with a National League team," Bennett said.

"A lot of it comes back to the players not wanting to do coaching courses, I would love to see all the current Lions players attend a level three course because there are so many different things to learn. I wish I had done it when I was 21."

DEFENDER Paul Shillabeer, the SA State League Rothmans Medal winner, has been made two offers by Footscray to move into the national scene.

The big centre back turned down the first bid, but he is still thinking about the second.

Only 22, Shillabeer was married recently and set up a new home which he is reluctant to leave.

He played for Adelaide City in the National League in 1984, before he became disenchanted and moved to Beograd.

FULL MARKS to the organising committee of the **OAK BILL TURNER CUP** for the function they turned out at the Granville Soccer Club last Monday.

All the Northern NSW 'heavies' were there and it was testimony to the hard work of the Turner Cup people that they bothered to bring themselves to the City folks instead of it being vice-verca.

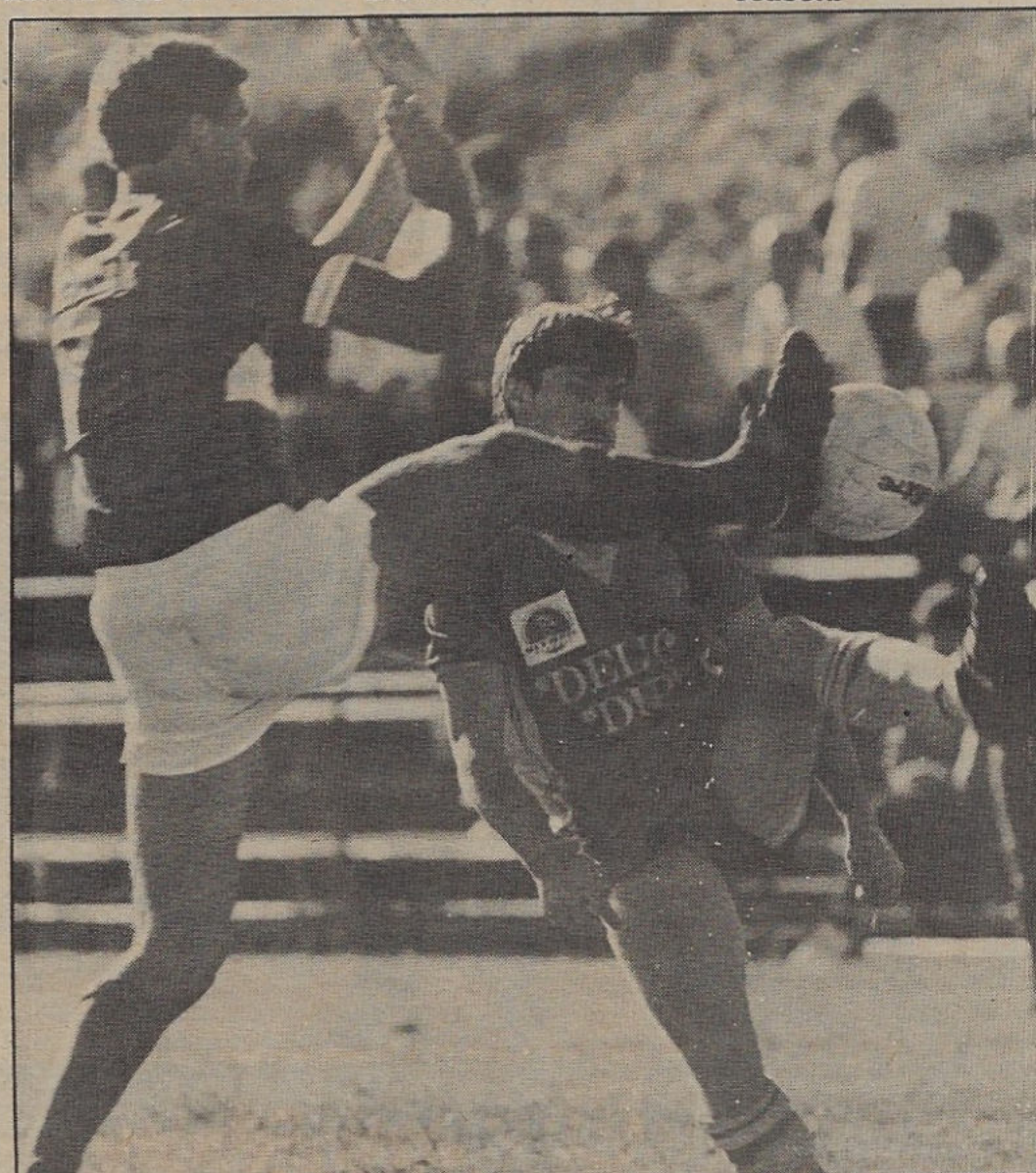
Great to see such notables as Bill Turner, Alan Tredinnick, Ian Holmes and Terry Hampton deeply involved in real Soccer talk.

After a 'rough' start the now Oak Turner Cup has gone from strength to strength and just what it stands for is vindication of the hard work that has gone into it.

LOOKS like Launceston will soon get another sports complex.

Tenders were called recently for a new \$180,000 Soccer and softball complex at Ogilvie Park; and Ald. Robin McKendrick of the Launceston City Council, said that the work would start sometime in May.

The newly developed complex, once completed, will serve as headquarters for the local softball association, the Northern Tasmanian Primary Soccer Association, Northern Tasmanian Soccer Association and State League North club, Matric.



ACTION from last week's Marconi — Canterbury clash. Pictured are Ian GRAY (left) and PAUL KIRWAN. "Iggy" Gray was booked in this match by the way and one journo at the game who missed the incident, turned to inquire about it and found out Gray clashed with Chris Tharnidis. He immediately bellowed out: "The ref was wrong!"

IT was without doubt the goalkeepers' weekend in round 4.

Highlights of the round came from the men between the sticks such as ANTHONY FRANKEN, DAVID CURTIS, JEFF OLVER and TONY PEZZANO.

Curtis of Blacktown was in such inspired form that Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson was so moved as to say, "That lad was superb. He was so good he could have a run with any international side on that performance."

High praise indeed for a keeper who was discarded at different times by his present club Blacktown and State League side Kuring-gal.

It wasn't all roses for the goalie clan though as Brisbane City's KIM WISHART will testify. He suffered a broken leg in his side's clash with Brunswick Juventus.

Wishart could gain no solace from the result either. His side were hammered 5-0 after he was stretched off after 11 minutes.

ASW sympathises with replacement keeper, GARY BROMFIELD!

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ILYA TAKAC, back as coach of Rockdale Ilinden in the NSW State League, faces the toughest task of his career.

"When the club decided to sack Atti Abonyi, there was a defection of several key players from the Rockdale squad," said Takac.

"Now I am back in the jungle but I have returned simply because I love Soccer.

"This is sure to be a very hard season — we didn't get a point from our first three games — but I can only try my best for success," he added.

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WHEN Brunswick United coach Len McKendry refused to talk to the media on his recent visit to Spencer Park it was the third consecutive time the Melbourne coach had shunned the Brisbane scribes. In the past, local referee decisions and upset defeats were suggested as reasons for McKendry's unco-operative attitude.

But last week against Brisbane City, there was a neutral referee (Graham Warne of Sydney) and Brunswick won 5-0.

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BLACKTOWN CITY are to be commended on a very fine performance last weekend in defeating Sydney City 3-2.

If anyone tries to claim that the win was lucky or without any style they should have seen Blacktown's third goal! It was a classic. A nice move out on the left by Adam Sandy led to a cross that was beautifully flicked on by Brett Thornthwaite to be hammered in first time by Joe Carroll.



UNPRECEDENTED steps were taken by ASW's photographers last week.

Canterbury-Marrickville photos have been pretty elusive of late, so at half-time, ASW's shutterman grabbed a few of the Berries and clicked 'em.

Above is the sweating figure of captain SPYROS HANTZIS.

ADELAIDE CITY coach Zoran Matic's squad is shrinking fast.

The latest victim is full-back Alex Tobin — out for five weeks with a gashed shin which required 25 stitches.

Midfielder Brian Northcote is recovering from an Achilles tendon operation while Paul Wilde, signed from State League club Azzurri, has still to make a National League appearance following a five-a-side ankle injury.

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THE circle has turned a full round for former Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

Again nursing a recurring back injury, he has been released on loan by Adelaide Hellas to his original State League club, Para Hills.

WILLIE MURRAY was a very excited Soccer player when he scored Wollongong City's third goal in their 3-1 win over Inter Monaro.

It was certainly a gem, Murray latching onto a loose ball at least 35m out and pounding it into the roof of the net.

"Do you believe that?" Murray asked team-mates as they gathered around to congratulate him.

Coach John Fleming is hoping for some replays as the season goes on.

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NSL club Canterbury Marrickville has signed up a new sponsor. The name on the Berries Jerseys is "Delico Dips."

THE advertising logos that now appear on the back of our OASL referees look to say the least — ugly.

There are some interesting points to consider over the sponsoring of the referees by ANSETT.

First of all the uniforms as previously stated look ridiculous, secondly the Ansett involvement is in direct conflict to the Olympic Airways sponsorship of the National League and thirdly the fact that the involvement isn't exactly a sponsorship.

The fact is that there is no money forthcoming from Ansett this year! It is only a trial with Ansett having the option of readily giving monetary involvement next season if everything goes to their liking.

As for the conflict of the two airlines, that is for both organisations to work out. If they are happy with their deals then good.

But as for the referees association not receiving a cent for parading the name of Ansett you'd have to say that's uppermost in exploitation. Then again when you are in Australian Soccer you really have to be ready to put up with this ...

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FORMER Brisbane City, Lions and Apia Leichhardt National League player Allan Hughes, copped a three-week suspension as the QSF disciplinary committee took a get-tough attitude recently.

Hughes was sent off when playing for Easts against Ipswich United in an opening round XXXX League match at Ebbw Vale.

Ipswich United's Bevan Bohan, a former Brisbane City NSL player, also got his marching orders: Bohan's appeal was upheld but Hughes got three weeks on aviolent conduct charge which carried a report alleging head-butting.

ANYONE under the illusion that Australia will have only one Soccer person involved in the May 10 FA Cup Final between Liverpool and Everton, namely CRAIG JOHNSTON is wrong!

ASW's own NEIL JAMESON will be at Wembley for that historic occasion of the first ever all-Merseyside final.

'Jamo' is already in England in preparation for the Cup and his subsequent reports for ASW.

Prior to departing he had this to say, "I can imagine it will be one of the greatest matches I'll ever see, mainly because of the friendship that has developed between the two clubs. The atmosphere will be great. "And ASW will be there to grasp every moment and also the thoughts of the players, managers and the matchwinner/s. Hopefully our own Craig Johnston."

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CLUBS visiting Canberra have been critical of the Canberra referees for what can be described as "home town decisions."

It came as a surprise when Canberra whistler Neil Murray came under fire from the Monaro officials after the game against Wollongong City.

One official burst out of the Monaro dressing room shouting insults towards the referee's room.

The language was very colourful and it was obvious he wanted the Canberra refs sacked and Sydney men called down to do the job.

This all happened after Murray had awarded Wollongong a penalty and sent Monaro defender Phil Dachs from the field.

In both cases he had no alternative and the send-off really helped Monaro as they looked a better side when reduced to 10 men!

CASEY DE BRUIN can stop tearing his hair out for the moment.

Finally his side have hit their straps and there can be no better example of this fact than Blacktown City's 3-2 win over Sydney City.

It is no coincidence that Blacktown's big win coincided with the return of the somewhat injury-prone striker, Robbie Slater.

For the moment that troublesome ankle of his seems okay although he will possibly still be having arthroscopic surgery.

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BERNIE GODZIK has parted company with Wollongong City.

One of the Wolves key players last season, Godzik couldn't make the senior side on a regular basis this year.

He is on the lookout for a club after State League Fairy Meadow failed to come up with a good enough offer for his services.

Godzik is a very experienced player and if he can't get fixed up in the NSL would be a handy utility player in the State League.

AFTER all the hassles MARK JANKOVICS had at the start of the season concerning where he was going to play it would have been fair to assume he would be raring to go this year.

Unfortunately for the strapping blonde striker he has hardly kicked a ball in anger this year for Marconi and he could still be out for a little while yet.

His coach Les Scheinflug summed up the situation: "Mark has been kidding himself about his fitness." As Jankovics continually battles the constant hamstring problems he is beset with.

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THERE were a few red faces at a Brisbane television station last week when Brunswick United players Joe Sweeney and Mike Petersen turned up for an interview. They confronted a well-known commentator and asked when he was going to do the interview as they had to get back to the ground for their clash with Brisbane City.

After much confusion it was discovered the Brunswick pair should have been at a neighbouring station.

Do Melbourne players find it difficult to distinguish between sevens and zeros?

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COMMENT from Sydney Croatia's player-coach Vedran Rozic after Manis Lamond teamed up with the side: "We are now a strong team and could beat anyone in the National League."

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City's new coach, Zoran Matic, recently tried to entice him back to the fold, but failed.

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THE little joke going around Sydney Olympic last week was about club captain PETER RASKOPOULOS.

"Rasko" was Olympic's saviour against Newcastle when he grabbed a last minute equaliser. The laugh was that "Randwick" had a few bob on the outcome of the match and with the score 2-3 the husky midfielder got desperate.



PETER RASKOPOULOS

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

TRAINING CAMP ON THE COAST

A SPECIAL Gold Coast training camp was used to pick Queensland's best players to contest the National Under 15 championships and Oceania qualifying tournament selection trials.

Normally State junior teams are picked at the conclusion of the Queensland championships. But as the Under 15 nationals are early this year, to fit in with the Oceania tournament in Taiwan in August, special arrangements had to be made.

Queensland Under 15 coach Brian Jeffs brought in more than 30 youngsters to the Tallebudgera Camp before he named his 16-man squad to go to Canberra on May 2.

The squad contains four players from last year's Under 15 team who were eligible again under the new age cut-off. They are Wayne Minton (Brisbane South), Simon Sarinas (North Queensland), Mark Wingett (South-West Queensland) and Martin Simpson (South-East Queensland).

The majority of the other players are from last year's Under 14 State team. Queensland lost last year's Under 15 and Under 14 national titles by just one point to NSW, which has given the State high hopes of doing well again this year.

With places in the Australian team on the line the competition is certain to be intense.

Joint national Under 15 coaches Vic Dagleish and Bruce Stowell will pick the new Kodak Kids squad, which will remain in Canberra the week following the titles for a special training camp.

The Queensland Under 15 squad is: David Duncan, Noel Carroll, Anthony Leon, Andrew Somerville (all Brisbane North), Aerron Patterson, Stuart Oree, Gerrard Jones, Wayne Hinton (all Brisbane South), Warren Coolfy (Wide Bay), Guy Rigby (Central Queensland), Robert Hilton, Simon Sarinas, Darren Friberg (all North Queensland), Mark Wingett, Scott Kerr, Jeffrey Patterson (South-West Queensland), Martin Simpson (South-East Queensland), Shadow Players: Christos Thomas (Brisbane North), Mark Durelli (Southern North Queensland), Mike Corica (far North Queensland). Coach: Brian Jeffs, Manager John Bomben.



Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Rob Farrow clutches the ball despite a tough challenge from Leichhardt's Tony Morsello at Henson Park two years ago. Farrow's progress has been such that he is now in the Queensland squad.

RIVALRY REMAINS

THE traditional Rivalry between Queensland XXXX League sides Grange Thistle and Mount Gravatt has flared again.

The two clubs were arch rivals in the now defunct State League and their clashes were annual highlights.

But in recent years, as both set about rebuilding their sides, the rivalry has been dormant.

That was until Mount Gravatt player-coach Eric

Thompson stepped out from behind cover to fire a new shot.

Writing in his weekly column in the Queensland Soccer Federation's Go Soccer magazine, Thompson tipped Thistle as the club to be relegated from this year's XXXX League competition.

"Grange Thistle have never contributed much to the competition and their departure in October will not be mourned," he wrote.

The comments angered Thistle officials, players and supporters — but they have proceeded to answer in the best way possible.

After two rounds Thistle were undefeated, proving Thompson and other critics wrong.

"We are certainly looking forward to our next clash and we will really show Eric Thompson what Grange Thistle is made of. It's back to the good old days and, like then, Grange Thistle will emerge on top," Thistle manager George Pagan said.

The rivalry aside, it has been an astounding start for the Grange club.

In the off-season the club lost several long-serving first teamers, including goalkeepers Dave Gallagher and Gordon Otto, defender Gordon Buchanan and striker Garth Moloney.

But with a team of enthusiastic youngsters, under the guidance of new coach Kim Cox, Thistle began the season with a shock 2-1 win over Lions... then a similar result over Taringa.

They trail only North Star, who took full points from the first two rounds, at the top of the table.

One of North Star's victims was Thompson's Mount Gravatt, beaten 3-2 at home.

The win prompted North Star player-coach Iain Fagan to declare his side as favourites for the championship.

"I told the team we must start living as favourites. In the past there always has been someone tipping us to be beaten. That always has proved to be a boost to the boys," Fagan said.

"But I feel that will be a thing of the past. The underdog tag has gone and now we have to go out and win because we are the best."

John Sime's Easts also have been one of the surprises of the early season. They proved their 2-2 draw with champions and grand final winners Ipswich United in the first round was no fluke when they downed Lions 2-1 at Heath Park in the second round. Former Lions striker Jim McDonagh scored both Tigers goals.

The match of the day this weekend should be the Monday clash between Mount Gravatt and Ipswich United at Dittmer Park.

But there should also be plenty of interest in the Coalstars-Grange Thistle game on Sunday at Bundamba and the Olympic United-Lions clash at Goodwin Park on Monday.

In other games Easts meet Taringa at Perry Park on Saturday while North star host Wynnum on Sunday.

FARROW IN SQUAD

BRISBANE LIONS goalkeeper Robbie Farrow has been added to the Queensland squad to replace Kim Wishart, who will be sidelined for at least two months with a broken leg.

Maroons coach Bruce Stowell added the 24-year-old to his 18-man squad, which will begin training next week for the June 1 clash with NSW.

It is ironic that Farrow should come into the squad to replace an injured player. The former Acacia Ridge keeper was picked in the 1984 squad to play New South Wales, but then lost his place when he broke his scaphoid during training at Perry Park.

Farrow joins his Lions club-mate Wayne Evans as the two keepers in the Queensland squad, and the battle for the State No.1 shirt is certain to be intense.

Farrow and Evans have been vying for the Lions NSL goalkeeping spot for two years. Evans held the upper hand for most of last year and was first choice under Gordon Arrowsmith this season.

But Farrow was given the nod when Col Bennett recently took over from Arrowsmith at Richlands.

Wishart has been the State keeper for the past three years and was favourite to gain selection in the team again this season. If Stowell goes on experience, he may opt for Evans, who toured Fiji with Queensland last year and kept goal against Lautoka.

But it is more likely he will closely study the present form of the pair: their efforts over the coming weeks in matches and training could decide who gets the nod.

Wishart's leg break was as bad as club officials feared when he was first rushed to hospital. The fibula of his right leg was broken through and it will be eight weeks at least before Wishart can resume training.

Former Newcastle keeper Bobby Cox will be given the opportunity to stake a claim in the NSL team before club officials consider any other alternatives.

Immediately after Wishart's misfortune, there was speculation that City might make a move on Evans now he had lost his first team place at Lions. But officials from both clubs released statements to quickly end the speculation.

"We will have a look and see what we have, but we are more than pleased that Bobby Cox is back at the club. He has been waiting for his opportunity and it is only fair that he should be first choice as Kim's replacement," City secretary Guido Canale said.

Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk pointed out that while the club was fortunate to have two good keepers and the rivalry between the pair was keen, there were no plans to sell either.

"It is my belief that all the keepers at the club are happy and we are happy to have them all there," he said.

The Queensland squad will have four training sessions together leading up to the interstate clash. Stowell also hopes to schedule a trial game in the week prior to the interstate game, which NSW won 3-1 last year.

The Queensland squad is: Evans, Farrow, David Hunter, Steve Jackson, Alan Niven, John Stewart, Russell Stewart, John Ogden, Danny Wright, Jim Morton (all Lions), Garry Bromfield, Glenn Archer, Frank Mengotti, Kieran Cooper (all Brisbane City), Gordon Buchanan (North Star), Martin Kirsopp (Mount Gravatt), Dave Wheeler (Coalstars), Mike Cernaka (Olympic United).



JOHN STEWART — in squad.

THE LIONS' BLESSING

BRISBANE LIONS' early exit from the Nanda Cup appears to be proving a blessing for the club.

After starting the season with high hopes of finishing in the top five and securing a berth in next year's revised NSL, Lions have had one setback after another.

Star striker Danny Wright was injured in a local XXXX pre-season match, Scottish import Jim Morton also was sidelined, David Hunter was sent-off and coach Gordon Arrowsmith resigned.

As a result, the club has taken just one point from the first four games.

But last weekend's week off, thanks to a first round Cup exit at the hands of Brisbane City, has given Lions time to

regroup. Wright, Morton and Hunter are expected to be available for selection.



DANNY WRIGHT

"It's been a tough time, but thankfully it looks to be behind us now: being not involved in the Nanda Cup will allow us to concentrate fully on the League," Lions new coach Col Bennett said.

"We have given the leaders a seven point start, but it is not beyond us to peg that back."

"But we must start winning in Melbourne and finishing teams off when we have the opportunities at home. We are not a bad side, it's just we lack concentration at times."

The weekend off also has allowed Bennett to get the Lions side into better physical shape. He has worked them hard since taking over a fortnight ago and believes the new fitness will begin to show on the park.

Lions this weekend are at home to Melbourne Croatia.

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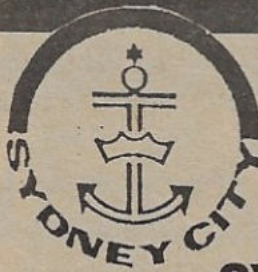
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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF AND THE NORTH SUFFERS

BY BILL TURNER, life member Nth NSWFL.

HISTORY reminds us that in the year 445B.C. the Children of Israel were granted the sovereign rights to re-establish their own nation.

Under the leadership of Nehemiah, the people set to work and before long the city, the temple, the wall surrounding the City and even the country areas were showing signs of great progress.

As the leaders and the people worked, there were rulers from nearby countries who watched with considerable displeasure.

These leaders, Sanballat, Toiah and, later, Greshem became openly hostile against the Israelites but they soon realised that bullying tactics had little effect in altering the onward progress.

They tried other tactics, such as trying to ingratiate themselves with promises of a better deal, the need for co-operation, suggestions that the Israelites were going down the

wrong road and not the least, by legislation.

Sadly some were beguiled by the wolves in sheep's clothing, but, when the deceptive calls came to Nehemiah, he replied with the words; "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down."

He could see through the evil, selfish and fallacious designs of Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem. As a result Israel went on to become a great nation.

Two thousand, four hundred and thirty two years later history appears to be repeating itself in the sphere of Australian Soccer.

Back in 1956, the Australian Soccer Federation in its wisdom granted "Soccer Statehood" to Northern NSW.

The leaders and the people worked with enthusiasm to establish and develop the Soccer state.

Strong walls of administration were built, a modest temple (office

complex) was secured and refurbished, amateur leagues, junior associations, womens divisions, school regions, coaches associations and referee federations were formed, each functioning with pleasing degrees of excellence.

As the young players progressed into the senior ranks of divisional Soccer the strength and standard within the State became patently obvious.

However, in nearby States there were rulers who watched with much displeasure.

These leaders, Sanballat X, Tobiah Y and Greshem Z became openly hostile against Northern NSW but they soon realised that these bullying tactics had little effect.

Then they opened their cheque books and plundered the cream of the playing talent, but even that misfired, for as soon as those players left, new stars arose to replace them.

Other tactics were instituted against Northern NSW. They tried to ingratiate themselves with promises of "a better deal". They secured the services of some journalists to report their agonis-

ing cries for Northern NSW to co-operate and return to the pre-1956 arrangements.

All these bleatings had a ring to them like the politician who said, "Do as I say — that is co-operation — but if you don't do as I say, you are most unco-operative."

There were suggestions of "going down the wrong road." "We must unite to make progress" "pedaling their own like" and "a coalition of hope, trust and unison", all of which can be heard every Sunday morning from the TV evangelists.

Until now, the present day Nehemiah (the Board of Directors of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation) has with confidence and pride been able to say: "We are doing great work and have no intention of coming down."

But can they hold out?

Sanballat X, Tobiah Y and Greshem Z are gaining new confidence and do not hide their true purpose, that of breaking down the walls, the temple, the cities and the country areas that constitute Northern NSW.

The latest move from high places has been a

subtle (like a slamming door) piece of legislation which could see the demise of the State's team in the National Soccer League.

This would register as a very severe crack in the Northern NSW wall.

With no avenue open for a club to gain entry into the NSL should Rosebuds fail, aspiring clubs will be forced to join a competition in another State.

This is, of course, blatant coercion, despite the fawning, patronising whimpers of welcome being given to such a degrading move.

But interstate Federations, beware! If they destroy Northern NSW; you may be sure ACT, Queensland and South Australia could soon follow on to the Soccer scrapheap with the inevitable plundering of players from those States!

But, as the Canberra journalist reported recently, this could leave the way open for the well-orchestrated plan to establish the Sydney-Melbourne Interstate Ethnic Clubs' Premier League.

If this is the ultimate scheme of our leaders in high places, surely it

ould be better for all concerned to come out to the open so that the States which are now an embarrassment to that scheme can work out an alternative operation of their own.

There is little doubt

that Northern NSW would be happy to join such an alliance.

But in the meantime... leave Northern NSW alone for they "are doing a great work and have no genuine need to come down!"

OXFORD DESTROY QPR

BY FRANK COLETTA

OXFORD completely dominated the 1986 English Milk Cup Final, topping the firm favourites Queens Park Rangers 3-0 at Wembley last Saturday.

Led in fine fashion by midfielder Trevor Hebbard, Oxford took the lead in the 40th minute through Hebbard and never looked back.

It was a fine run by Hebbard that had QPR back-peddalling, the ex-Soton man then easily cut inside defender Alan McDonald to slot the ball past Paul Barron inside the near post.

Hebbard was instrumental in giving Oxford a two goal advantage only seven minutes after the half-time break when he latched onto a deflected Kevin Brock pass and

stormed towards goal. He entered the area to push a perfect pass to the oncoming Ray Houghton who beat Barron pointless.

QPR only then decided to come out and attack but it was to no avail as they lacked any imagination in going forward.

They failed to sufficiently test the Oxford keeper Alan Judge who was suspect under the crossed ball, on the few occasions he was under pressure he looked very shaky as he fumbled the ball under challenge.

In front of goal the usually very reliable Gary Bannister had a very disappointing afternoon, never getting a shot on target and continually losing possession.

Oxford sealed the match four minutes from full-time when they caught QPR on the break with a masterful bit of counter-attacking play.

John Aldridge was sent flying down the right-wing via a ball out of defence. He played a neat one-two with Hebbard whose final touch put Aldridge on his own. The shot from the prolific

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FRENCH CHAMPAGNE FOOTBALL, THE ESSENCE — PLATINI

FRANK COLETTA analyses the sentimental favourites France.

FOR most people, the current European champions, France, are liked and admired above all the other 23 teams.

Led by the brilliant (and there is no other way to describe him) MICHEL PLATINI, the French have the ability to carry off the 1986 Cup in Mexico.

France qualified for Mexico via first place in European Group 4.

This was not achieved with the same smoothness that is usually attributed to the French national team, though.

They opened their account with a 4-0 win away over Luxembourg... Stopyra getting two goals and Platini and Battiston one each.

Then came a 1-0 struggle at the Parc de Princes over the eager and skilful Bulgarians, Platini settling the issue with a penalty.

Following was a 2-0 win at home over East Germany and a 0-0 draw in Yugoslavia.

Bulgaria caused the big shock of the Group by easily accounting for France 2-0 at home. Sirakov scored with a fantastic free-kick.

The slump continued as East Germany defeated the Frenchmen also 2-0.

With two games remaining, the champion French side was in real danger of missing qualification. They accounted for Luxembourg in Paris 6-0 with Dominique



The France of old, circa 1982. Including prominent members of the current side: Platini, Giresse, Bossis and recently departed Janvion, Six and keeper Bertrand — Demanes.

Rocheteau nabbing a hat-trick but the big match was against Yugoslavia in Paris.

A win and only a win would qualify France. This they got thanks to Michel Platini who scored both goals to ensure a 2-0 victory.

As the World Cup nears, France are still searching for a water-tight defence.

Going on their last match against Northern Ireland in Paris, it would be a little unfair to attack their defence that opened

up time and again in what ended a scoreless draw.

But as the Ulster manager Billy Bingham said after the match on a practically frozen pitch: "Same for both sides."

If Hungary, the USSR or Canada have a striker or strikers they can exploit France's wonderful backfield that rarely goes back in defence.

But again in Mexico it is doubtful whether too many midfielders will be needed in defence as the quick counter-attack will prove an exhausting and energy-sapping exercise

for anyone who uses it excessively.

France are without doubt one of the most technically gifted teams in the world and the Mexican atmosphere might just be up their avenue.

Of course, they are led by the one and only Platini, arguably the greatest player France has ever produced and possibly the greatest footballer in the world today.

This year alone he has already won the prestigious European Footballer of the Year for the third time and also the world



FRANCE now. Conquerers of Europe. Back Row left to right: Bats, Ayache, Le Roux, Battiston, Amoros, Fernandez — Front: Rocheteau, Giresse, Platini, Touré, Tigana.

Footballer of the Year.

No achievement seems beyond Platini and he has done everything in fact except lift the World Cup for France.

Yet his achievements on the pitch speak for themselves, while his vision as a midfield general, dribbling skills and lethal finishing, have made him the outstanding figure in world football.

Diego Maradona's technique may be even more magical. But in terms of imaginative achievement the Argentinian cannot compare.

Something which is ironic is that Platini although playing for Italian champions Juventus could also have been playing for Italy!

His grandparents were Italian and if they had not decided to move to France, he would have been playing in the Azzurri colours instead of that of his beloved France.

Platini made his full international debut on March 27, 1976 just a couple of months before his 21st birthday when he was called up for the match against Czechoslovakia.

He celebrated his debut with a goal with one of those legendary curling free-kicks, which have since become his trademark.

France's new team manager for that match was Michel Hidalgo who later, with Platini led France to European glory.

Platini then shared a room with the veteran international Henri Michel who is currently the French team chief.

Platini's career has been a brilliant one. His move to Italy to Juventus was one of the biggest talking points of the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

In Turin, he has won every honour possible with the club except the UEFA Cup which Juve never qualify for because they are so high up in the League!

When he arrived at Juventus he was surrounded by the bulk of Italy's World Cup winners

and the also the newly acquired Pole, Zibby Boniek. Platini's talents flourished as never before.

Now he IS French football. What he does virtually decides what course the French national side takes. He was brilliant in the 1982 World Cup where France were cruelly eliminated in the semi-final against West Germany.

He then led France to their biggest triumph, the 1984 European Championship and was at his lethal best there scoring nine goals in only five games.

On the upcoming World Cup Finals, Michel Platini has this to say: "I'm not going to make any boasts about what we will do. I realise that after finishing fourth in Spain, and winning the European Championship, we will certainly be among the favourites in Mexico."

"All I can promise is that we will do our best to win. There will be problems, of course. People talk about the altitude, and the heat, and the smog and so on, and the problems of playing midday."

"But to my mind the only 'natural' problem will be the altitude. As for the rest — well it's amazing how a little bit of success can carry you through."

"The most dangerous opponents are going to be

the obvious ones, as usual. From Europe you must pick out England, West Germany and Italy; from South America, it's Brazil and Argentina, as well as the hosts, Mexico, of course."

France is not a one-man band.

There is Platini's ideal complement in midfield of Alain Giresse. A player that English manager Bobby Robson claims is as good as any he has seen for entertaining football.

Then there is Jean Tigana, Dominique Rocheteau and the brilliant if inconsistent Bruno Bellone.

In 1982 in Spain, France had ups and downs but their play was a delight at all times.

As now, one or two things were wrong. First, and still, there was a distinct weakness in the centre of defence which was known for a long time and was openly exploited in their first match against England where Bryan Robson made them pay dearly.

At centre-forward, Rocheteau was, and still is, on the way back from injury. In '82 he gave way to Bernard Lacombe.

Now he is firmly established as the number one striker although he was out during the 1985 Nev



BRUNO BELLONE



French captain Michel Platini lifts the European Championship Cup. Will he be lifting the World Cup in Mexico?

Year because of a cartilage operation.

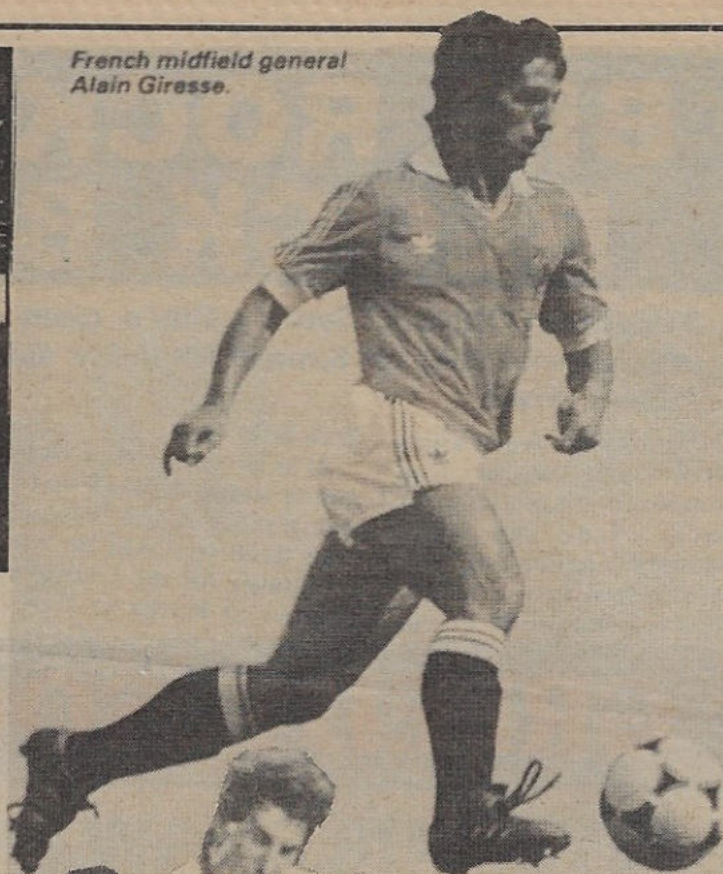
Young Jean-Pierre Papin is another who may not only make the squad for Mexico but might just show he could be Rocheteau's successor.

His debut against Northern Ireland was full of guile, energy and dexterity, justifying the enterprise of Henri Michel in bringing him back to



(Above) FRENCH elation as the European Champions celebrate their win.

French midfield general Alain Giresse.



MAXIME BOSSIS challenges England's Terry Butcher during France's easy 2-0 win over the English at the Parc des Princes. Platini getting both goals.

France from Belgium.

Things for France have been getting pretty desperate as far as centre-forwards are concerned.

With Stopyra of Toulouse lacking the bite and flair to win a regular place, the alarming truth is

that Rocheteau, veteran though he is, susceptible to injury though he be, remains France's one real striker of international quality.

Platini cannot score all the goals himself although he comes pretty near to it.

In goal, Joel Bats seems

untouchable but the question is: Who will be his deputy?

Albert Rust of Sochaux looks to be favourite... a solid and experienced performer. The other contestants for the remaining goalkeeping place will be



FRENCH disappointment. France ponder what might have been after they were beaten 3-2 in the third and fourth place play-off by Poland in the 1982 World Cup.

Toulon's Pascal Olmeta, Auxerre's Bruno Martini (who has succeeded Bats in the Auxerre goal) and Jean Luc Ettori of Monaco the keeper of the 1982 Cup campaign.

Can 27-year-old Francois Brisson force himself into the squad? A rolling stone, with over 10 years in First Division football behind him, Brisson is in fine form now with Strasbourg after previously playing for Paris St-Germain, Laval, Lens and the French Olympic winning team.

But like Brazil, defending is their biggest problem. Since '82 they have enlisted the services of rugged, strong defenders such as Ivonne Le Roux and Luis Fernandez, two noted bad-boys of French football.

Fernandez especially has been in more hot water than Flash Gordon!

If any of their opposing sides have capable nippy forwards to run at them

then France could be in a bit of bother.

Though France has a defence which will get into bother with referees occasionally, it is also a defence that will be mixing it with the likes of West Germany, something they failed to do last time.

If the defence has a few rough edges, then the class of Patrick Battiston helps smooth the surface.

Jose Toure has added another dimension to the French game playing wide on the left.

To a certain extent the few young and inexperienced players in the side seem to have had a bit of trouble working with the brilliance of Platini.

The finishing of the team has become disjointed and a bit sloppy and the youngsters seem to have worries when it comes to reading the great player in Platini.

All in all though, a champion side that I, like many, hope will succeed.



Ivonne Le Roux

My View

Any side with Michel Platini in it is sure to prosper. He is a magician and deadly from any part of the field. Supported by Giresse, Tigana and the explosiveness of Rocheteau and Bellone, Platini could well hoist the World Cup above his head.

Certain for second round and quarter-finals. From there, Platini will decide their fate.

POSSIBLE SQUAD: Bats, Olmeta, Martini, Amoros, Le Roux, Battiston, Bossis, Ayache, Tigana, Fernandez, Giresse, Platini, Rocheteau, Bellone, Papin, Brisson, Toure, Stopyra.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP FINAL

BY FRANK COLETTA

THIS Saturday, 4am Sydney time, ATLETICO MADRID of Spain and DYNAMO KIEV of Russia will contest the European Cup Winners' Cup Final in Lyons.

Atletico began their campaign with a win over Scottish giants, Glasgow Celtic. The first leg in Madrid was drawn 1-1, the second leg at Parkhead was brilliantly won by the away side Atletico 2-1.

This victory set them up for a match with little Welsh club, Bangor City.

In Bangor, Atletico came away with a solitary goal but went home for the second leg to hand out a five-goal beating.

Atletico were so impressed by young Welsh striker Viv Williams for his performance against them that they tried to sign him.

They offered the little known club all of \$50,000 but were turned down by the Welsh who claimed the offer was not enough!

In the quarter-finals the Madrid club was pitted against champion Yugos-

lav outfit, Red Star Belgrade.

In Belgrade the Madrid side managed to pull off a great 2-0 win. Atletico's goals were scored by Da Silva, the first in the 29th minute and the second right on full time which stunned the partisan home crowd of 100,000.

For Atletico their new acquisition, former Argentine World Cup goalkeeper, Ubaldo Fillol, starred, pulling off a string of stirring saves that kept Madrid's lead intact.

Along with him, goal-hero Da Silva was the shining light.

Atletico manager, Luis Aragonés put together a well-devised plan for the second leg where his side grabbed an early goal to go 3-0 up on aggregate.

Red Star pulled a goal back to level the game but went out 3-1 and Atletico advanced to a semi-final with lowly German club

ATLETICO MADRID AND DYNAMO KIEV DO BATTLE

Uerdingen.

The Madrid side was hot favourite to go through to the final and that it did with a 1-0 win in the first leg that the Germans were unable to usurp in the second leg.

Dynamo Kiev began their march to Lyons with a 5-3 aggregate win over FC Utrecht of Holland.

The Dutch side took the first leg at home 2-1 but were swamped by Oleg Blokhin in the match in the Soviet Union 4-1.

Romanian Cup winner, University of Craiova were Kiev's second round victims whilst Austria's Rapid Vienna met them in the quarter-finals.

Vienna were beaten 4-1 at home and Dynamo were certainties for the semi. The second leg was a mere formality and the

dynamite team from Dynamo went one better at home winning 5-1 with Blokhin in charge.

By now Dynamo were ready to enter the final having easily disposed of last year's finalists.

In the semi, they met Dukla Prague of Czechoslovakia. At home Dynamo were convincing in humbling Prague 3-0 and again the star of the match was veteran Blokhin who scored twice.

Prague were unable to come back from that and Dynamo Kiev went into the Final.

Main hope for the Madrid side will seemingly come from midfielder Mario Cabrera whose service to front-runners

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ACTION from the Atletico - Red Star quarter final first leg match as the Belgrade side tries to break down the Madrid defence.

CANBERRA FACE THE NOVOCASTRIANS AT THE BRUCE STADIUM

ROY THOMPSON's Canberra City Olympians, next Sunday play Newcastle Rosebud at the National Capitol's Bruce Stadium.

Fresh from their magnificent Nanda Soccer Cup Round 2 victory over the visiting Melbourne Croatia, Thompson will be out to make it two in a row.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

As we predicted last week, veteran Ian Gibson and Steve Bryant, pulled something special out of the box to knock-out the Victorians.

I expect them to do the same next Sunday.

The ever-brilliance of custodian, Anthony Franken, again "kept wickets" to perfection, denying all threats fired in by the Melbournians.

But Canberra's central defence will have to pay some attention to former AIS Athlete, Sean Ingham if they are to grab both League points on Sunday.

Ingham, Australia's World Youth Champion-

ships winger, plays through the middle these days.

Only two weeks ago the carrot-topped Ingham, ripped Sydney Olympic's back-four to pieces, knocking in a brace of goals against the League leaders.

Newcastle's "driver", central midfielder, Joe Senkalski, also cannot be taken lightly and I expect Thompson will assign John Mihailidis or even Jimmy Cant to do a "policeman's job" on the Newcastle playmaker.

Senkalski thundered a crashing 22 metre free-kick last Friday in their 2 nil Nanda Cup defeat against Sydney City, that rocked the right post and shook the living daylight out of goalkeeper, Alex McPherson.

Canberra also will have to be on guard for Bobby Naumov.

Naumov, Newcastle's

pacey right-midfielder, knows what busting forward is all about.

BIG ROCKY AIMS TO BLOCK BERTOIGNA

STEVE O'CONNOR, Sydney City's giant centre-back, will be out to protect his international shirt on Sunday when his side takes on Apia-Leichhardt at the Sydney Athletic Field.

"Rocky", Australia's steel-tough World Cup stopper, has Apia's centre-back, Arno Bertogna strongly, challenging him for his spot in the National team alongside David

Ratcliffe.

It is no secret that Bertogna would dearly love to win a place in the Australian team that will be out to qualify for the Olympic Games in Korea in 1988.

Apia, will be out to test the defence of the Sydney City line-up of stars on Sunday.

But if they are to inflict any real pressure on Eddie Thomson's men, much

will depend on what their skipper, Terry Butler, is able to deliver on the day.

Sydney City looked quite at ease as they rolled Newcastle out of the Nanda Soccer Cup last Sunday.

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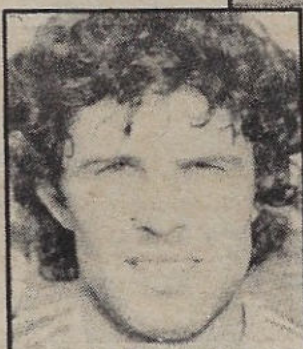
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OLYMPIC TO TEST CROATIA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC will be determined to hold their lead on the Olympic Airways Soccer League ladder when they meet the visiting Sydney Croatia next Sunday at Pratten Park.

Despite having only pulled in draws from their last two League matches, Olympic still remains the only undefeated side in the northern section of the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

Having scored a massive 14 goals from only four matches, Olympic will be looking to add to their tally with successful strikes from their star-studded attack-line of Simon Brandt, Marshall Soper and Chris Kalantzis.

But Stuart Stevenson, who came on last Sunday in the second half to score the solitary goal against Wollongong City in the Nanda Soccer Cup, will be pressing strongly this week for a first XI shirt.

Sydney Croatia, through their captain-coach and sweeper, Vedran Rozic, together with midfield magician, Zarko Odzakovic, will make things difficult for the home side.

The visitors also sitting at the top of the League with six points from their four matches, have scored nine goals whilst conceding five.

Olympic could be well advised to drop back into the back-four again, their top-tackling midfielder, Gary Phillips, to do the "policeman's" job on ace-winger, Zeljko Jurin. Jurin to date this season has won two matches almost single-handed for Sydney Croatia.

Should Phillips drop back into the back-line, Stevenson could fill Philip's spot in the midfield to leave the front-line undisturbed.

Simon Brandt, signed this year from Newcastle, has had to play second fiddle to the established strikers of Soper and Kalantzis so far.

Yet Brandt has done nothing wrong so far from his limited appearances.

Three interesting duels will take place in this match. One in the midfield, one on the flank and the third between the two sweepers.

Both sweepers, Olympic's Tony Dakos and Croatia Vedran Rozic, have a classy style of their own. Both read excep-

tionally well and both base their game on constructive play.

Dakos however, has the edge in this area with his younger years allowing him to come forward and

chime into the attacks.

In the midfield, a battle-supreme is assured between the Olympic skipper, Peter Raskopoulos, who will lock horns with possibly Australia's best link-man, Zarko Odzakovic.

But the biggest sparks will be reserved for the flank where the explosive Marshall Soper, lines-up against Croatia's attacking International left-back and former Olympic player, Graham Jennings.

Pratten Park should be able to attract a record crowd for this one and 10,000 spectators would not surprise.

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Landaburu and Da Silva will have a big bearing on the match.

In defence Atletico have Fillol in goal and the dominant figure of stopper come left-back

Arteche.

They will have to come to grips with the great Blokhin, who at 33 is still one of Europe's best footballers.

It all adds up to an intriguing Final which is going live on SBS on Saturday.

MY TIP: Dynamo Kiev



SIMON BRANDT

JANKOVICS TO MISS INTER MONARO CLASH

MARK JANKOVICS, Marconi's longest serving member, is in serious doubt for next Sunday's match against the visiting Inter Monaro at the Marconi Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Marconi's coach, Les Scheinflug, said last night: "I don't hold much hope for Mark playing on Sunday. His leg injury is still troubling him so I will be retaining the same strike-line as in our last match against Canterbury Marrieville Olympic."

In that match, Marconi scored a 2-0 win over the Berries with David Lowe, Rod Brown and Geoff Gunning firing the shots up front.

But Marconi, despite beating the Berries in the

League match, lost to the Berries 4-1 last Saturday in a practice match which did not unduly upset Scheinflug.

Monaro, severely handicapped by injuries all this season, still has Scheinflug worried.

"I know that things haven't been going well for them lately, but I have also heard that they were unlucky in the matches they have lost so far."

"We will not be taking them lightly I can promise you that."

Marconi, in my opinion, look set to take out the

League this year as Scheinflug has bolstered his squad's depth with the recent signings from Argentina.

Having won three out of their last four outings, Marconi has scored nine goals conceding four but looking strong at the top of the League locked in with Sydney Olympic.

With Robbie Wheatley playing extremely well in the sweeper's position and club captain, Tony Henderson together with Steve Calderan fighting for places in the back-four, Marconi has depth to spare.

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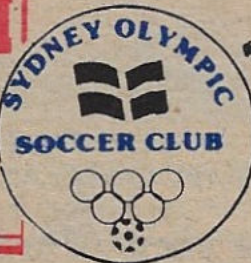
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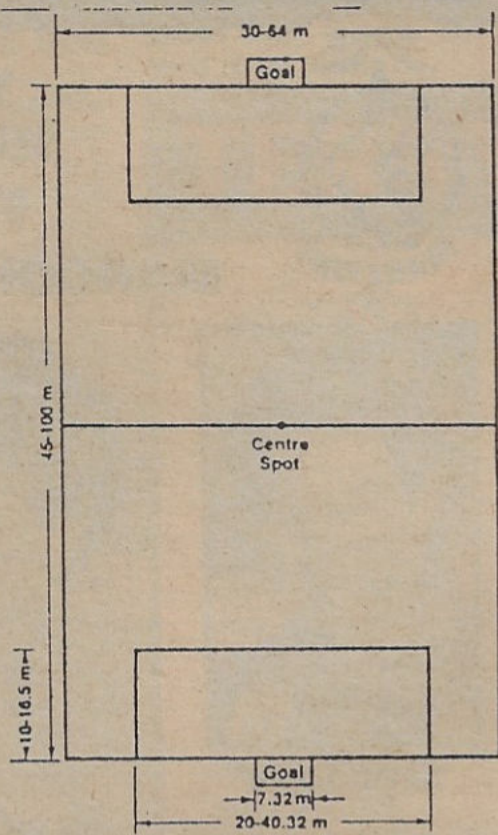
SOCCER AS AN 'AUSSIE-SPORT'

CONTRARY to previous reports Soccer is included in the Federal Government's massive Aussie Sports programme.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO PLAY?

Equipment

- Soccer Balls: Under eight years use a size three ball; under nine years use a size four ball. For all training activities, cheap plastic Soccer balls are recommended.
- Playing Field: Under nine years 30 metres x 45 metres with no halfway-line, corner area or goal area. There is a penalty area 10 metres x 20 metres in front of the goal. The goal is 1.85 metres x 5.50 metres and can be marked by field markers. For under 12 years, the field size is increased to 50 metres by 65 metres which is half the size of an adult field.
- Field Markers are not essential but helpful. Use plastic ice-cream containers or large soft markers.
- A Whistle for refereeing and class control.
- Teams: Under nine years — six players and three reserves; under 12 years — nine players and four reserves.
- Footwear: Non-slip footwear is recommended. Football boots are not essential for primary school children and not recommended if the ground is dry and hard.



This week
JOHNNY WARREN
looks over Soccer
the 'Aussie-Sport'
way

The Government's manual for Mini Soccer makes interesting reading and one suggests it is a must for junior coaches, teachers and parents.

The Mini Soccer included in the Aussie Sports programme is a plus for our game and is not unlike

the modified Soccer played by many junior clubs throughout Australia.

The Government manual describes Soccer "as not regarded as a body contact sport (!) and that a number of aspects of the game have attracted criticism in recent years."

"Principal among these is that an adult field is too large and the standard goal is disproportionately large for young goalkeepers."

"In addition adult time frames are too long for children and the usual team of 11 results in little ball contact for some players."

"In response to these concerns, the Australian Soccer Federation has designed a modified version called Mini Soccer, the aim being that all players have more contact with the ball."

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP MATCH REPORT

Round Number: 2.
School Played: Homebush Boys High.

Result: Concord 4 defeated Homebush Boys 1.
Scorers: Joseph Marando 2, Dean Radice 1, Michael Tsingolis 1.

Round Number: 2.
School Played: Wagga Wagga High.

Result: Mount Austin 13 defeated Wagga Wagga 0.

SOCCER — MINI SOCCER

HOW IS IT PLAYED?

Definitions

- Dribble: To move the ball forward with either foot, by small taps, while maintaining control.
- Head: To project the ball in the required direction by intercepting with the forehead. Heading should be avoided by young children until the skill has been acquired off the field.
- Pass: To propel the ball towards a team-mate by a kick or by the head.
- Handling: Soccer laws forbid the touching of the ball by hands or arms.
- Kick-Ins: The method of re-starting play after the ball has left the field over a side-line. A player of the non-offending side kicks the ball in, usually to a team-mate. Throw-Ins are not recommended in Mini-Soccer.
- Touch Line: Side-line.
- Penalty Kick: A kick awarded to be taken from a marked spot directly in front of the goal. There are no penalty kicks in Mini-Soccer.

Aims

The aim of Mini-Soccer is for a team to propel the ball forward with any part of the body, except the hands, into the opposition's goal, while at the same time attempting to prevent the opposition doing the same.

■ To Start: A toss of a coin decides which side kicks off to commence a game. The kick-off is usually a short kick forward to a nearby team-mate.

Positional play is most important. Children's soccer has a tendency to deteriorate into a confused group of children chasing a ball around a ground. The importance of positions and of passing the ball to team-mates nearer the goal or in a better position to advance the ball should be stressed.

■ The positions in Mini Soccer are limited to two forwards, two mid-field players and two defence, or three of each in the under 12 game. These positions should be interpreted loosely so that children are not discouraged from following the ball, but rather encouraged to share the play.

■ Time: Under seven years — 15 minute halves; under ten years — 20 minute halves; under 11 years — 25 minute halves. Four ten-minute quarters may be used with the under tens and under sevens. The teacher should use the breaks for positive reinforcement rather than criticisms of performance.

■ Goals: The winning team is the team which scores the more goals.

■ Laws: There is not sufficient space to adequately cover all the laws of Soccer. The following are recommended variations from these laws to ensure that games of Mini Soccer are flowing, spaced with as little interruption as possible and are enjoyed by all players.

■ Free Kick: All free kicks must be indirect. An indirect kick is one from which a goal cannot be scored, unless the ball has been played or touched by a player other than the kicker, before passing through the goal. All of the opposing players should be at least six metres from the ball.

■ Goal Kick: Goal kicks may be taken from anywhere within the penalty area.

■ The Australian Soccer Federation recommends the following guidelines for all games of Mini Soccer.

■ Games should be friendly matches.

■ Games should be played in competitions or organized leagues.

■ All players should play at least one half of a game.

■ Players may be substituted at any time with a player who has already played in the game.

■ No coaching will be allowed from the side-line except by the Coach and then only if information is conveyed quietly and without excessive emotion.

the ball. Free kicks by either team in the penalty area shall be taken from a point on the line of the penalty area nearest to where the offence took place.

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LEAD-UP ACTIVITIES

Basic Skills

The basic skills required to play Mini Soccer are all related to ball control with the feet. Kicking, passing, dribbling and trying to take a ball from an opponent are the major skills.

1. Passing: In pairs about five metres apart kick the ball to one another. As pupils develop control and accuracy, have the pairs slowly walk or run down the field passing to one another. For variety and interest increase the speed of the run and the distances between the members of each pair.

2. Dribble: Place wickets hats, cones, or upside-down ice-cream containers at intervals of about five metres down the field. Have the children slowly dribble the ball down the field zig-zagging between the markers. Gradually bring the markers closer together and increase the speed. Introduce a competitive

edge by conducting a relay between two teams using two lines of the markers. Each player dribbles the ball through the markers and then passes it to the next member of the team who repeats the run.

3. Practice accuracy of kicking by having the pupils kick a ball at a spot on a wall. Vary the height of the spot and the distance from the wall. As skill develops, draw a bull's-eye target on the wall, with the bull's eye about 50 centimetres in diameter, the inner circle about a metre in diameter and the outer circle about two metres in diameter. Pupils learn rather than individuals against one another, scoring three for a bull, two for a inner and one for an outer. This is a good drill to develop accuracy in both the horizontal and vertical planes.

4. Minor Game: Play a live-minute game with six-a-side, restricting two players to the attacking half of the field, two players and the goalkeeper to the defending half of the field.

Scorers: Scott Macklan 3, John Raczkowski 3, Anthony Chapman, Greg McLay, Rod Thistlethwaite, Robbie Ellis, Barry Smith, Mario Gregorovic.

Greg Logan (og).
Best Players: MAHS Greg McLay Barry Smith, Scott Macklan. WWHS Paul Blackett, Robert Newton.

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scorer was a fierce one that Barron managed only to parry into the path of Jeremy Charles who finished off with a simple tap in.

Oxford's victory could have in fact been so much bigger as Aldridge had an out of character day in missing two good opportunities. Along with this were three goal-line saves by QPR's Steve Wicks, two of them in the same attack.

For Michael Robinson and manager Jim Smith the loss was harder to swallow than most.

Robinson has now been to Wembley with his respective clubs six times and never been on the winning side! Three times with Liverpool, twice with Brighton and now with QPR.

Smith's heartache was that he in fact built the Oxford side at the Mannor Ground prior to moving to Loftus Road. It was practically the same personnel that brought about his current sides undoing.

In short Oxford were victorious because they had more ideas, went in with conviction and most importantly, won the early battles that really counted.



PAUL BARRON, is beaten for the second time.

SOCCER — MINI SOCCER

and allowing one sweeper who can play in either half. This activity helps to emphasize the importance of positional play and co-operation between team members.

5. Soccer Baseball: Two teams play against each other. The batting team kick one ball before running around the bases dribbling another ball. The fielding team retrieve the kicked ball, pass it to one of their team members who dribbles it around an obstacle course. A run is scored by the batting team if the runner completes the run round the bases before the fielding player completes the obstacle course. All take turns at the obstacle course.

6. British Bull-Dog: One player starts off as the bull-dog and acts as a defender of a defined space. All other players start behind a line and have a ball each. When the game starts, each player has to dribble the ball across the space without being stopped by the bull-dog. Each player who loses a ball to the bull-dog becomes another bull-dog.

7. Continuous Soccer-Cricket: A bowler kicks the ball using the inside of the foot to try to knock a wicket down. A batter defends the wicket by kicking the ball away using the inside of the foot. The batter then tries to score a run by dribbling a ball around a marker placed about six or seven metres to the side of the wicket. The player fielding the ball must dribble it to the bowler and kick it at the batter's wicket. The bowler may bowl before the batter has returned to the wicket.

8. Team Play: Discourage individual players from dominating play by introducing a rule that once the ball is over the halfway line it must be touched by three players of the same side before a shot can be taken at goal.

Resources

Training manuals, rules for Soccer and Mini-Soccer and Coaching manuals are available from National and State bodies (see Contacts).

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TRAGEDY IF THESE TEAMS DISAPPEAR

SAYS ALAN VEST

WITH the proposed 14-team league in the NSL next year each game vital. But one thing emerging from the early season games is the possibility of just Sydney and Melbourne teams dominating.

Apart from the good early season form of Wollongong and Adelaide City, the teams outside the big cities are struggling.

Even Wollongong and Adelaide City are going to have to have super seasons to make the cut-off.

Personally I think it will be a tragedy if teams from Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, Brisbane and Adelaide aren't in the league.

But I suppose that's life. It's strange, though, that the other codes see their salvation in expanding their sports.

Aussie Rules see the need to go national with plans for a team from Adelaide, Perth and possibly Brisbane.

Rugby League brought



in Canberra and Wollongong and it looks like also Newcastle in the future is in their plans.

With promotion and relegation in the NSL, the chance will be there for teams to possibly get back in the future.

But as the editorial said last week. Do we really have to become Australian?



FRANK FARINA — causing havoc in defences.

DIFFERENT PLACES DIFFERENT STYLES

I have spent some late nights recently watching overseas and Australian National League Soccer, looking for new trends and comparing the teams styles in various countries.

I found the English game amazingly fast and furious, while in South America it was so much slower, but much more skilful individually.

In Germany the style was somewhere between the two.

In Australia, our style bore some comparison to that used in Germany, though teams such as Sydney City and Wollongong Wolves came closer to the English type of game.

The long-kicking skills by defenders to front runners is precise in the English game.

The laying-off of the ball to supporting players and general receiving of the ball by these front runners is usually outstanding.

As a general rule, the midfield was by-passed in the games I watched even by the splendid Everton team.

This team was very direct in its play, supported by great all-round teamwork and competitiveness.

Of the teams I watched during that period, only Nottingham Forest played a shorter passing game.

Forest often progressed through the midfield with a series of 15 metre passes.

They had several small, skilful players in their team which has brought this style about.

Whether coach Brian Clough sought such players to produce this short passing game is debatable.

Early in his career, he had a team at Derby County, which won the Second, then the first divi-

sion in England, using similar players and team style.

It was entertaining to watch Sydney Croatia and Sydney City.

Croatia played some stylish Soccer, but I always thought the Slickers would win the game.

Their direct, British-type game has the basic elements for success.

They never make it easy for opponents by granting them space.

There are very good headers of the ball in John Kosmina, Murray Barnes, Gerry Gomez and Steve O'Connor.

Sweeper Alex Robert their long-kicking skills,

son and Joe Watson are fine kickers of the ball who are able to produce fast, direct, attacks with often via target man Kosmina.

Heading ability and the Watson kicking skills produce numerous goals at set plays — as per the British model.

Also, as per England, Slickers used a 4-4-2 formation with fast, flank midfielders John Paul de Marigny and Grant Lee, both of whom did well.

They combined to produce a typical Sydney City goal — a fast attack mounted wide on the right, with an accurate cross by Lee finished off with a diving header by de



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Marigny.

All types of playing styles win games and it depends on the players and how well they play in the particular style.

If Sydney Croatia could defend better, they would be a better chance for this year's title.

POOR DEFENCE IS COSTING GOALS

BY ALAN VEST

I watched two games recently, Newcastle v Olympic and Sydney City v Blacktown.

There were plenty of goals so that should keep the fans happy.

But both were extraordinary games as each team completely dominated one half of the match.

It was incredible to see teams that had been far superior in the first halves be so inept and overpowered in the second half.

One thing that did surprise me in both games, though, and which I've been surprised at in other games this season, is the very poor defending, particularly by back four players. This has definitely cost teams points.

However, the other factor which has been evident is the good work up front of players who are smaller and quicker than forwards are usually.

At Newcastle, Sean Ingam and Mark Jones created havoc.

Kalantzis at Olympic, Slater at Blacktown, Farina at Sydney City and Lowe and Brown at Marconi.

Defenders have been notably big and strong in the air, but certainly the

emphasis is changing to also include being quick off the mark to combat nippy forwards.

It'll be interesting to see any changes in that department.



DAVID LOWE, half of Marconi's strike-force.

AN INSTITUTE OF SOCCER IN NSW

BY ALAN VEST

AFTER the new motel complex is opened in early September at Valentine Park, Parklea, it will mean that top-class accommodation will be available for the new intake of young players at the Institute of Soccer which the NSW Government, through Sports Minister Michael Cleary, is funding.

It is an exciting project which will mean that 22 of the best young players in the 15 to 16 age group in NSW will come together for three, two-week intensive camps at Valentine Park.

These will be selected from players involved and trialling at U/15 and U/16 State trials and will also involve players in the country representative teams.

The Government has provided \$18,000 toward this year's project and the NSW Federation will contribute further funds.

The money will cover all meals and accommodation, track suits and other playing gear and some of the best coaches in NSW.

The programme the

boys will undertake will cover all aspects of the game as well as lectures in subjects such as sports injuries and psychology. Players will also go through the level one coaching syllabus and will participate at the level three residential course which is staffed by some of the best coaches in Australia.

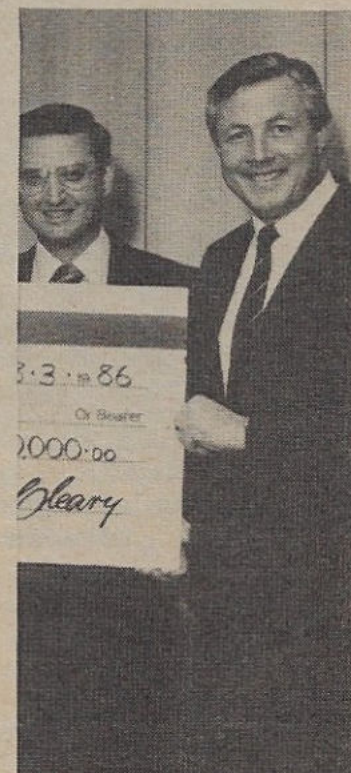
Obviously, though, the main emphasis will be on all the skills of the game.

It is hoped that from this six weeks of intensive coaching and working at the game, the boys will be better equipped in all ways when they complete their course.

This should greatly benefit the boys, their clubs, NSW Soccer and eventually Australian Soccer.

State Federation president John Constantine and his executive are to be commended for the backing of this project and the coaching committee of Jock McCausland, Eric Arneil, Ian Holmes and Joan Hedison see the project as a step in the right direction and are gratified for the continued support of Mr Cleary and the NSW Government.

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MICHAEL CLEARY (right)

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CANADA — THE PREPARATION HAS BEEN A SHAMBLES

BY FRANK COLETTA

TO say Canada, one of the surprise finalists, will be underdone when they arrive in Mexico is pretty close to the mark.

The fact that they don't even have an outdoor league any longer is bad enough, but just last week the Canadians had to instigate a court case to gain the release of Gerry Gray, Brank Sagota and Tino Lettieri to play in the Cup.

The three were playing in the North American Indoor League and their respective clubs were refusing permission for them to be released for the World Cup!

The Americans can play some funny jokes when they feel like it.

But really Canada could be on the wrong end of some severe hidings if they are not wary.

Not only does Canada not have a national league but it doesn't have a single professional team.

Canadian defender Bobby Lenarduzzi said, after the game: "We didn't know what to expect from him."



IAN BRIDGE

The presence of Valentine certainly took the pressure off the other Canadian striker Igor Vrablic, who played his finest game in a Canadian shirt.

The all-important goal just 15 minutes into the game came following a Valentine corner that George Pakos smashed home.

when Vrablic deflected a Valentine corner past Julio Arzu in the Honduran goal.

Manager Tony Waiters praised Canada's team performance, saying: "These players have gone through a hell of a lot to bring us where we are. They've made a lot of personal sacrifices. The whole team has shown it can compete at the CONCACAF level."

"Now we're in with the big boys. We have a chance to prove we can play with the rest of the world."

Waiters, like many Canadians, is hoping that success in the World Cup can lead to better things in Canadian domestic Soccer.

"Hopefully it can be converted into better opportunities for our better players to play in a league on a regular basis," he said.

Lenarduzzi felt: "It's good for the game — the first positive thing in three or four years. We're hoping something will come

have had a feeling of de javu when they met Honduras for that final qualifying match from CONCACAF. You see on November 21, 1981 they went out to the same opponents by one goal.

This time it was a head-to-head match-up and the Canadians were not going to fail.

Bobby Lezarduzzi says: "I don't think any of us who were on that team will ever forget the feeling of hopelessness."

"We felt it was our best-ever chance to reach the finals. We knew we were good enough. And we came so close..."

For some, like team captain Bruce Wilson, this is his coup de grace.

"I'm lucky to still be playing," says the 34-year-old defender, who was cut from the Toronto Blizzard squad even before the Blizzard and the NASL went out of business.

"This is my final go-around. And to be captain of the first Canadian team to reach the World Cup Finals is so much of an achievement: it is too hard to imagine."

Canada began their run to Mexico with a 2-0 win over Haiti, Vrablic and Sweeney scoring in the second round as Jamaica forfeited their first round encounter.

This was followed by a 2-1 victory at the expense of Guatemala with Mitchell and Pakos doing the honours.

Mitchell was again on the scorers' list when Canada drew with Guatemala 1-1. Away to Haiti the Canadians triumphed once more 2-0 thanks to Mitchell and Vrablic.

In the third and final round they drew first up against Costa Rica 1-1, then beat Honduras away 1-0 through a goal by Pakos.

Costa Rica held them to a 0-0 draw before Canada did the job on arch-rivals Honduras in the last match, 2-1, with Pakos and Vrablic scoring.

In two matches recently in Mexico, Canada drew with Leon 0-0 and defeated Irapuato 1-0 through a goal by Samuel in the 17th minute in front of 5000 people.

My View

Won't set the house on fire. The best advice for them would be to go to Mexico and enjoy themselves as they are 1000-1 shots to cause any sort of disturbance. They play France first up. What a way to start! Hopefully they will do themselves proud because they're going out in the first round.

POSSIBLE SQUAD: Lettieri, Dolan, Lenarduzzi, Samuel, Moore, Bridge, McCallum, Wilson, Ragan, De Luca, Norman, James, Sweeney, Pakos, Garraway, Vrablic, Segota, Mitchell, Valentine.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Canada have reached the World Cup Finals for the first time. And that could mean a Mexico dream for West Brom's Carl Valentine, who helped Canada clinch a Finals spot with a 2-1 win over Honduras.

But the game was marred by a Honduran fan who kicked Guatemalan referee Romulo Mendez at the end. He doubled over in pain and limped off the field with a police escort.



THREE OF CANADA'S CHARGES WITH A MEXICAN DESTINY



Paul Dolan (top), Dale Mitchell (left) and Mike Sweeney (right) all added to Canada's victory in the second round. Mitchell and Sweeney came from the MISL to score important goals. Dolan, who was borrowed from Canada's youth team, stopped a penalty shot against Guatemala for the victory.



CANADA — qualification was a success on its own. Back Row, from left: Lenarduzzi, Ragan, Samuel, Bridge, Vrablic, Pakos — Front: Valentine, James, Lettieri, Wilson, Norman.

A number of its players, including veteran captain Bruce Wilson, are out of work and have been keeping in shape by training privately at Hamilton's McMaster University.

Others are playing overseas and in the major indoor Soccer league in the United States.

This is not the preparation for a World Cup Final series — not by any stretch of the imagination. Especially as the US Indoor League only kicked off three weeks ago.

One of Canada's few well-prepared players will be West Bromwich Albion winger Carl Valentine.

He played his first international match for his adopted Canada against Honduras and was a decisive influence in the 2-1 win which earned a place for Canada in Mexico.



ROBERT LENAROUZZI

Injury to Ian Bridge meant Canada reorganising in defence and Honduras took advantage to equalise and then threatened to take the lead.

But just as suddenly, Honduras began to fade and it was Canada who scored the go-ahead goal

from this. It's the push it needs."

Now Waiters, who first went to Canada in 1977 to coach the now defunct Vancouver Whitecaps and led them to the NASL Soccer Bowl in 1979, faces the unenviable task of preparing the team for Mexico. He knows full well that he lacks finance and his players are far-flung.

Ian Bridge is in Switzerland, Valentine at West Brom, Terry Moore in Ireland and Igor Vrablic in Belgium with Seraing.

Vrablic, Czech-born striker, says: "In this situation I realise the importance of playing my football in Europe."

"The preparation is vital and my team-mates will find it difficult."

Canada in fact may

CROATIA HELPED BY A SCHIEBL HAT-TRICK

LAUNCESTON Croatia remained at the head of the State League North table after a solid 4-0 victory over a struggling Olympic at Windsor Park.

Goals had been lean for Andy Schiebl since his signing from Georgetown in the off-season, but he re-discovered his sharp-shooting touch when he posted his first three-goal tally of the league competition.

Coach, Brian Davidson, once a team-mate of Schiebl at Georgetown, added another to allow his team to retain an average strike rate of four goals a game.

Georgetown also got among the goals as they plastered Burnie; while Devonport returned to

winning from with a hard fought win over Matric. Rimmer and Meldrum secured the 'Port's point.

JUVENTUS-PIONEER DROP VALUABLE POINT

Glenorchy-Croatia and Juventus-Pioneer left the South Hobart ground with a point-a-piece after full-back Sean Collins had equalised for the Croatians in the dying seconds of their Round 2 State League South game.

Basic headed Croatia ahead but, with Juve coach David Smith coming on as a substitute, things got stir-

red up, and it was no surprise when Pace equalised in the 80th minute.

Juve went ahead seven minutes later after a free kick gave Fabrizio a header on target.

Then, in a goalmouth scramble, Collins found the equaliser for Croatia.

The While Eagles v Caledonians top-of-the-table clash resulted in no changes as both teams fought out an uninspiring 0-0 draw.

TASMANIA

JOHN TSCHEPPEA

THE BIG BANK SHOCK

THE big shock in the first round of the Commonwealth Bank Cup in the Hunter Region was Booragul's loss to Kotara.

Led by former Under 15 international Gavin Parry, Booragul was expected to be too strong for the city lads.

BY BILL TURNER

However Kotara lifted its game and when the Lakesiders had a player sent off, the task of staying in there was made much easier.

With the game all square after extra time Kotara took advantage of the penalty system to run out winners.

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Entries in the OAK "Bill Turner" Cup could rise again this year. Indicative of this prediction has been the jump to 20 schools on the South Coast from the 15 of 1985.

The new co-ordinator this year is Gary Kemp of Corimal High who took over from Fred Smith. Gary hopes to extend his section of the series to

schools from Narooma, Bega and Eden next year.

Corimal became the South Coast champions last year when they defeated Holy Spirit 1-0. They lost to the eventual winners Canberra High from the ACT in the next round but had to play without two of their top players.

Since the inception of the competition in 1979, no South Coast school has been able to win the Cup.

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The big guns of girls Soccer in the Hunter Region, Warners Bay and Gateshead drew byes in the first round of the Commonwealth Bank Shield. Within the Hunter Region the top two schools also play off for the Rudi Roth trophy which had been contested before the Ku-ring-gai Cup and the Commonwealth Bank Shield came into existence.

Swansea appears to be once again a strong con-

tender after a sound 2-0 win over neighbours Belmont.

Merewether won a hard fought clash with Newcastle scoring the only goal.

On the northern tip of the region, Forster made a brave start by downing another coastie in Nelson Bay.

Booragul beat Morrissey by knocking the goals in the first half and holding the northerners out for the balance of the game.

Sheree West and Jodie Moore were the scorers while their new captain Tracey Harvey played a blinder.

Rutherford who had nearly 20 goals scored against them last year bounced back in their match to beat Scone 4-2 in an entertaining game.

Toronto scored 18 against a very young Waratah team.

The round was marred by three forfeits being claimed when teams were not ready to play their fixtures.

THE BIG AND THE SMALL OF IT ALL

NEWCASTLE Rosebud United has transferred two players of National League class for the smallest fee ever recorded in the history of Australian Soccer.

At the same time, the club has placed a \$30,000 transfer fee on its young striker Sean Ingham.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Newcastle Rosebud United's former captain and its 1985 Player of the Year, John Macquarie, and midfielder-fullback Andrew Thompson featured in the unique deal when they were transferred to Adamstown Rosebud, in the Northern NSW State First Division for a combined fee of \$1.

But, if any other club wants the services of either before 1988, it will need a bigger bank balance.

The arrangement for the two ex-National League midfielders was made possible by the Adamstown Rosebud licensed club, which sponsors both the Rosebud teams.

If, however, another club wishes to negotiate a transfer for Macquarie, the fee will be \$2500.

In the case of Thompson, the former Preston, UK, player who had his transfer fee reduced by the Northern NSW Federation's Protests and Disputes Committee from \$1050, the fee will be \$700 up to the end of 1988.

Meanwhile, Newcastle

Rosebud secretary Ernie Lamb announced at the end of the Newcastle Rosebud-Olympic game in Newcastle on April 20 that any club interested in Sean Ingham would need to have \$30,000 to start negotiations.

"Anyone offering a cent less needn't bother incurring the cost of a telephone call," Lamb said.

Ingham, the young Newcastle-born front-runner, who has had two spells at the Australian Institute of Sport and was a member of the Australian team during its World Youth tournament campaign in Russia, appears to be a star of the future.



COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD

HUNTER REGION RUDI ROTH TROPHY

GIRLS K.O.

ROUND ONE:

Jesmond d Broadmeadow Forfeit, Lambton d Kotara Forfeit, Merewether 1 d Newcastle 0, Toronto 18 d Waratah 0, Booragul 2 d Morisset 0, Swansea 2 d Belmont 0, Forster 4 d Nelson Bay 2, Rutherford 4 d Scone 2, Raymond Terrace d Irrawong Forfeit.

CROATIA CRASH AT HOME

A LARGE crowd turned up at Invermay Park for the round four, top-of-the-table clash between undefeated State League North teams Georgetown and Croatia.

They wanted to see if Croatia could defeat Georgetown, but were disappointed as the 'Town, through Peter Sawdon and Stevie Forsyth, blasted ahead before half-time and held that lead till the end.

The first half opened at a blistering pace; Georgetown being the more composed side, while Croatia placed their emphasis on quick, decisive breaks from midfield.

Georgetown's 'keeper, Carstens, was called on to make a diving save from a Schiebl shot; and, moments later, Dennis, in the Croatian goal, had to save at the feet of numerous players to relieve a goalmouth scramble.

Midway through the first half, Georgetown's defence made one of their rare errors as a ball was allowed to go skimming across the face of goal to a Croatian forward, who blasted wide by a few layers of leather.

Then the 'Town came alive.

In the 35th min. Sawdon eluded Stillie on the right, sped for goal and, from a narrow angle, flashed the ball past a helpless Dennis from only

Ladder (after Rnd 4):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	4	4	0	0	11	1	8
Juventus	4	3	0	1	14	2	6
Ulverstone	4	3	0	1	13	2	6
Croatia	4	3	0	1	13	4	6
Devonport	4	3	0	1	8	2	6
Burnie	4	2	0	2	12	9	4
Matric	4	1	0	3	5	13	2
Launc. United	4	0	1	3	1	16	1
Western Sub.	4	0	1	3	1	17	1
Riv. Olympic	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

Round 4 results:

Devonport d Riv. Olympic 2-0
Ulverstone d Matric 6-1
Juventus d Western Suburbs 8-0
Burnie d Launc. United 6-0
Georgetown d Croatia 2-0

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

LIFE isn't quite as easy as it was last season for State League club Fairy Meadow.

In 1985 they were the newcomers to the league and the talk of Sydney in their game bid to win the championship.

This season they are among the battlers, are struggling to field an under 18 team and to make matters worse their numbers are dropping off.

Against Polonia, Fairy Meadow used a new strip but the numbers were a bit suspect, to say the least.

By the time the interval came around, only two players still had their numbers on and president Frank Saladino was seen walking around the ground picking up numbers.

It was quite unsettling to Polonia as their players scouted around for a particular number to mark.

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Cringila went as far as the premier league final last season but don't be surprised if they take the championship with the depth they have this year.

Coach Darryl Glover had his problems when someone was sidelined with an injury last season but he has solved that.

Before their recent premier league match against Bulli it was noticeable Glover had Joe Carrasco, Macka David and his brother, Robbie, on the bench.

All three are very talented and very experienced players and this keeps a lot of pressure on anyone selected in first grade these days.

Carrasco only recently signed from Port Kembla and when he settles in, will be a big asset to the club.

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Illawarra coach Robert Fryer will name a 14-man squad for the annual representative game against ACT in Canberra over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

NINE GOAL THRILLER GOES TO OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA coach, Ken Morton, must be sighing with relief after his team posted their first points of the league season.

Olympia were languishing at the bottom of the State League South competition, and their clash against reigning Tasmania champions, Juventus-Pioneer, seemed to have been a foregone conclusion.

But Olympia were the team that looked like champions as they opened the scoring through Perry Forster in the 14th min.

It then became a landslide as Nichols made it 2-0, Xanthopoulos 3-0, Gorniak 4-0, and Xanthopoulos, again, 5-0 with

Fryer says he will get the players together one night a week and has arranged a game against Wollongong City in addition to a trial against a premier league side.

Gerry Walker is coaching the Illawarra youth side for the Canberra trip.

Association officials are negotiating for at least one end-of-season game for their representative teams.

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HARRY SATTI won't be winning the Illawarra business houses league player of the year trophy after all.

Sattin had been playing in the league after being involved in a transfer wrangle between Wollongong Macedonia and Fairy Meadow.

He asked for a move from Macedonia to join Fairy Meadow at the start of the season but was refused.

There seemed no way Macedonia would let him go to the local rivals, particularly now they are both in the State League.

After a few outings in the business houses league, Sattin has decided to stay with Macedonia.

That happened after Macedonia had lost their first two league games so the club could easily have made Sattin an offer he couldn't refuse.

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Coniston Macedonia are really struggling after being promoted to premier league this season.

The club lost their first four league games and managed just one goal in that period so seem certain to go back to first division. Things are just as bleak in their minor grades and Coniston conceded 26 goals in the three matches against West-Figtree.

In first grade, things didn't look too bad when they held Figtree at 1-1 just after the half-time break but the floodgates opened and Figtree scored another five goals.

Two minutes before halftime, Pace scored and, shortly after the interval, he made it 5-2. Genovesi made it 5-3, and Pace completed his hat-trick with 19 mins. remainin to provide a nail-biting finish.

This result lifts Olympia from the bottom and, after a 7-1 hammering of Caledonians earlier, Glenorchy-Croatia go to the top of the league table.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glen.-Croatia	3	2	1	0	11	4	5
White Eagles	3	2	1	0	7	0	5
Howrah	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Juventus-Pioneer	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
Caledonians	3	1	1	1	5	10	3
Olympia-WPL	3	1	0	2	8	11	2
Metro	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Rapid	3	0	1	2	2	7	1



THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



IMPORTANT ROLE FOR MAX GROLL

MAX GROLL, coach of the NSW State U/15 squad fills an important role in bringing talented juniors through from the Sutherland Shire to the senior club.

BY FRANK FINLAY

Outspoken Max makes no bones over his objectives in the coaching sphere.

"I want to promote the fair-dinkum Australian Soccer product," he said. It is his motto and he sticks to it all the time. Born in Sydney 37 years ago, Max comes from Gymea in Sutherland country. A courier by trade Max takes his job very seriously and will not tolerate "mucking around" from his boys or his manager.

He started Soccer at nine with Campsie Baptist in the NSW Churches SFA. Later he went to Earlwood Soccer Club in the famous Canterbury district and onto Canterbury-Marrickville in the NSW State League.

At 20 he joined Croatia as a speedy midfielder but he readily admits he had problems with his ball control. He was happy to come under the famous Hungarian player Michael Kiss whom he said "solved my problem he had to give the game away after suffering a serious injury."

Soon afterwards those "old hands" "Uncle Joe", Vlasits, Denes Adrigan and Rex Foster convinced him to take up coaching. Coaching for him is a



serious business ever since. He received his Level 2 badge in 1981. Next year he was appointed director

supporters who turned up at Sydney Airport to welcome reinforcements from Yugoslavia.

The new players, expected to lift the Berries up the table from their present parlous position, are Peter Zrilic (23) and Zaim Bourit.

Both played for Dinamo Zagreb and will be rushed into Canterbury's side straight away.



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IAN LAWRIE IN TUG-O'-WAR

FORMER Australian Under 13 player Ian Lawrie has become the meat in the sandwich in a bitter Ipswich transfer battle.

Lawrie, 29, asked for a transfer from premiers Ipswich United last year because he intended to finish his playing career with neighbours Coalstars, where he had started as a junior.

Lawrie told the United officials he intended to play only one more year.

The talented leftback expected to be released for a nominal fee and thought his move would be a routine matter.

But things turned sour and became complicated when Ipswich United slapped a \$3,300 fee on the defender. Coalstars, who are intense rivals of their Ipswich neighbours, responded with a \$400 offer.

That was rejected immediately by Ipswich United and the matter has now dragged on into the season, leaving Lawrie on the sidelines and seriously considering an earlier than planned retirement.

Coalstars doubled their offer in a bid to get Lawrie for the opening fixtures, but the whole episode soured when the two clubs were drawn to meet each other in a XXXX League second round match.

Ipswich rejected the latter Coalstars offer, then withdrew permission for Lawrie to train at Bundamba. Coalstars officials

immediately accused their neighbours of purposely trying to keep Lawrie out of the Ipswich derby.

Ipswich United officials were stunned by the allegations and hotly disputed the claims.

"Anyone who knows myself or the club will realise that it not the way we operate. We would never keep anyone out of the game but when people make ridiculous offers for players, then they must be rejected," Ipswich United president Barry Randolph said.

The unassuming Lawrie has been baffled and disappointed by the whole saga of events.

"I notified Ipswich United last December that I wanted a transfer and I never expected it to drag out like this. If things aren't worked out soon I will appeal and then if it still isn't resolved, I will retire. I want go back to Ipswich United," Lawrie said.

STEELY HEALEY

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE 42-year-old Keith Healey, coach of the NSWASF Country U/16 squad was born in Leeds and lived in Blackpool until 1967 when he came to Australia.

"Discipline is what I demand at all times from my juniors because discipline brings victory," he said.

Healey would rather have a mediocre player

whose attitude towards his coach and the game was 100% than an excellent player who was the "I know all" type.

Healey played for Blackpool "B" team at the age of 16 and later at Wideline Park.

The NSW Director of Coaches, Alan Vest described Keith as "my best Level 2 coaches teacher". Healey received his Level 3 badge in 1979 and became a staff coach. In the same year he coached the Federation's U/16 team with great success. He is an approachable junior coach who takes his job in a serious manner.

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		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
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Illawarra	vs	Marconi	0-2	0-4	2-3 2-4
Melita Eagles	vs	Nepean	3-0	2-1	10-0 5-0
Apia Leichhardt	vs	Sydney Olympic	1-2	1-4	0-2 1-1
St George	vs	Gladesville	1-1	0-1	2-0 4-0

DIVISION 2

Granville	vs	Sydney City	4-0	1-1	0-4 2-3
Nth Bankstown	vs	Southern Dist	3-3	0-3	0-3 1-1
Sutherland	vs	Ku-ring-gai	1-4	0-4	1-0 0-0
Marcarthur	vs	Manly	1-1	0-1	0-2 0-1
Central Coast	vs	Avala	3-0	1-0	3-0 0-3

DIVISION 3

Canterbury Ass	vs	Polonia	6-2	1-1	4-1 2-0
Campbelltown	vs	Bankstown	1-7	0-1	0-0 1-1
Croatia	vs	Blacktown Ass	7-0	2-1	4-0 5-0
Auburn	vs	Yugal	1-1	1-0	3-1 1-1

NO RELATION

ONE of the main flaws in Aussie Soccer is that juniors do not naturally relate to senior Soccer.

There are many reasons for this, and there is no need to elaborate. I propose therefore to be positive and practical and offer the following proposals:

A) The ASF obtains a major sponsor drawn by the number of junior players.
B) This major sponsor appears on a coloured poster distributed to each junior player via their local association in each state.

C) This poster to show, depending on year and competition:

- 1 Current National team
- 2 Current Olympic team
- 3 Current Youth team
- 4 Current u16 team
- 5 Prominent NSL players and club
- 6 Prominent Aussie overseas players and club
- 7 Details of SBS Soccer programme and times

D) Each junior to be a member of the "Soccer Club" (i.e. details from local association registrations)
E) Each junior and family on production of badge gain 1/2 admission to National, NSL and State League matches.

Finally maybe its not too late for a poster on this year's World Cup.

PS. As I don't have the addresses I would like John Warren and Les Murray at Soccerama and the ASF to receive a copy of the letter.

V.R. Wake
Everton Hills,
Qld.

CANNONS FIRE MUCH BETTER

BEING a regular reader of Soccer Weekly, and one of the very few regular supporters of Canberra City, I would like to take this opportunity to reply to Johnny Warren re his article about the Canberra Mazda Cannons, why they attract sponsorship and why they attract big crowds to home games.

First, Bob Turner is a full-time coach and he spends most of the off season calling on local business selling sponsorship.

He has a winning team, everyone likes winners. They don't have an ethnic name, so they become a true Australian team that we can all support without fear of bodily harm from some ethnic fan who used the team's name to carry on from Australian shores.

The Cannons get a lot of media coverage in the Canberra Times. If I want to read about the Canberra City Olympians, I buy Soccer Weekly or a Sydney newspaper, because the local coverage goes to the Canberra Raiders, or the Canberra Cannons.

Maybe it is Johnny Warren's fault. If he is still Canberra City's publicity officer, he is not doing enough locally.

I wish we could return to the old days, when Soccer was a family outing for ALL the family.

If Canberra want the crowds back, I suggest they take a look at Sydney Olympic and the style they play. It is real value for money and while they are winning they will attract the crowds.

One consolation for Canberra is that we are getting Jimmy Cant back and he is a real winner. Add his determination to win to the other first class players we have in the team and this could help to bring the crowds back to Bruce Stadium.

Reg Roeton,
Monash ACT.

SUPPORTING AWSA

I would like to make a comment in support of the AWSA.

During the time that I have played Soccer I have had the opportunity to visit five different countries.

I felt very proud to play for my country and act as an ambassador. All the memories gained are rich and will be treasured for a long time. Travelling with the National team is an entirely different experience to being an Australian tourist.

I am most grateful to the AWSA for these opportunities despite the fact that the trips cost me a lot of money. (Unfortunately the same goes for most women athletes).

It is my belief that the AWSA officials do their best to improve conditions for the National team and for other aspects of their role. The majority of these people are volunteers, of course, who give their time freely for the promotion of the sport.

This probably gives them a very "real" appreciation of what players go through in order to represent their country.

Securing sponsorship is most difficult, but it is being achieved with the help of people like John Economos and Puma.

The most recent National team boasted a combination of girls in which every Australian State or Territory was represented — a truly National team!

I wonder if the National Men's team will ever show this type of representation unlike the other codes of football?

Sue Monteath,
Captain Aust. Women's Soccer Team

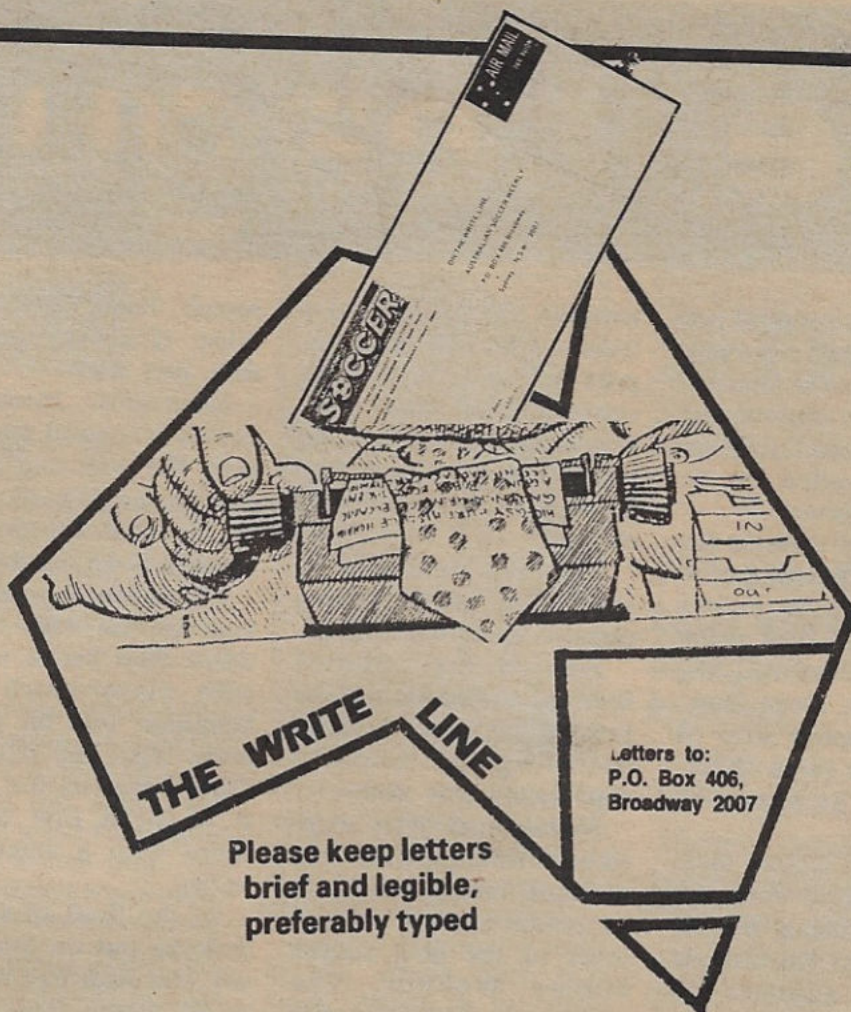
UNBELIEVABLE

I have written this letter to express my disgust at the ABC and all the commercial stations. Their continuous bias and prejudice which they have inflicted on football has totally frustrated me and countless others.

The ABC's declaration of their World Cup coverage was the final straw for me and it is what has forced me to take action.

The total time allocation to their World Cup coverage is an insult to Soccer.

How could they possibly dedicate such little coverage to the world's greatest sporting event? This is ridiculous and intelligent Soccer people should unite and not allow the ABC to escape



Please keep letters brief and legible, preferably typed

with such a major crime.

PS. Please tell all your readers to write to the ABC and make their feelings known. ASW keep up the good work.

Frustrated Soccer Fanatic
Sydney



JIM CANT

HOCKING SAGA ANOTHER VIEW OF THE ISSUE

AT the risk of dragging out an issue which has already been blown out of all proportion, I feel I must reply to Derek Peachey's article "Monaro's Side of the Story," ASW (8/4/86).

As a member of the Albury/Wodonga Soccer community, and in close contact with Michael Hocking over the last few months, I am in a position to know the full facts of the case, facts which were not brought out in Frank Finlay's article, nor in the article in question.

The issue is not so much whether or not Michael should have been allowed to play for Lavington, but whether or not he was guilty of letting Monaro down, and of behaving in an unethical manner, as the article strongly implies.

The point that must be stressed is that at the time he signed the contract, Michael was unaware that he would be unavailable for 1986. As soon as

the offer to study overseas was made to him, he advised the club by letter, and received a reply accepting his decision and wishing him well.

Monaro made no further contact until January when Michael was phoned and asked to reconsider, presumably because no suitable replacement for him had been found.

An offer of a job and accommodation in Canberra was made but Michael explained that he was better able to save for his travel expenses by working and living in Albury, and was not prepared to leave his job, move to Canberra, and embark on the arduous training necessary for National League Soccer, for the sake of playing just a few games.

Michael declined to speak to the club on two occasions only, before he had written explaining his inability to play (which would have been difficult to express on the phone,) so claims that his parents continually told them he was unavailable to talk are simply not true.

Derek Peachey contradicts himself on this point when he says "Hocking was contacted on numerous occasions. His obligations as a contracted player were explained to him".

Michael had no intention of playing for a local club until approached by Brian McBurnie, Lavington's president, who felt it would be a good thing for the club and local Soccer in general. Michael trained and played a few games before his departure. Frank Finlay's description of him as a "bitter, disappointed and angry man," and other comments in his article, were expressed in HIS terms, not Michael's.

He was expressing the disappointment of the local Soccer community at what appeared to be a dog-in-the-manger attitude on Monaro's part.

Michael's "crimes" appear to be:

1. That he temporarily put career considerations before Soccer, surely a wise precaution, particularly as Soccer in Australia is not fully professional.
2. That he agreed to play a few games for an amateur association which could be-

nefit from his ability and experience.

Surely a November notification of inability to play the next season should have been acceptable to Monaro. It was — until they found themselves unable to find a replacement goalkeeper.

Michael has nothing but admiration for Frank Maccarone as a coach, and is very upset at Monaro's failure to understand his position. It is interesting to read Terry Greedy's views, no doubt shared by many others, in his article in the same issue of ASW (8/4/86).

Ian Belgre,
Lavington

ETHNIC TEAM NAMES — WAS ASW WRONG?

YOUR Editorial "What's in a name" (15/4/86) amazes and distresses me. I strongly disagree with your arguments and conclusions, because they are based on assumptions and do not go to the roots of the problem.

The "ethnic" Soccer question has been bandied about for many years. We have tried "Australianisation" on State and National level before, but neither improved Soccer standards nor spectator crowds.

Do you honestly believe that Hakoah, for instance, has more support now under the name Sydney City?

For "knocking" ethnic



MICHAEL HOCKING

name teams in the lower divisions, you should be ashamed!

Have you forgotten how most of these clubs started? A few migrants getting together in a park, kicking the ball around — like they used to in the old country — eventually getting a team together and forming a club.

When ready for competition they join one of the lower divisions. They play for fun, and because they have a common bond towards each other through past joyful Soccer experiences in their homeland, they give this newly-formed club an appropriate and identifiable "ethnic" name.

What's wrong with that?

A "local" name would be meaningless. I can speak from my own experience and I know this applies to most migrants.

Born in Germany, I support St George Budapest (by marriage), but I still have a soft spot for things associated with my country of birth.

Therefore, whenever I read an item on Concordia Soccer club I get a feeling of "warmth" and it gives me great pleasure.

If the club would change to "Stanmore" for instance, all association with my German heritage would be lost — and with it my interest in the club.

Names like Macedonia, Abbruzzi, Calabria etc have the same effect on their supporters.

These names are important identification marks, not a nostalgic whim, as you so eloquently describe them.

They are vital and contribute to the happiness and "comfort" of their followers.

To be a Soccer supporter is essentially a social experience; it is also an emotional involvement and as such, assists migrants in their transition and assimilation process.

That also, sometimes, even to a greater extent, applies to the BIG Soccer League. Think of Apia, Croatia or Olympic supporters for instance. Our multi-cultural society needs Soccer clubs with ethnic names (who, by the way, still have the greatest spectator support), but we also need local, suburban, Aussie clubs with "indigenous" names.

Why can't we have both? It is a fact, that the country we were born and grew up in, will always be a part of us, and if that manifests itself in Soccer names — let it be.

A change of names forced on clubs founded and, or run by, migrants will certainly kill Soccer for thousands of "ethnic" Australians. And Soccer cannot survive without them.

On the other hand, where an area or town can only support ONE top team, then that town should be recognised with the name (Blacktown, Wollongong etc).

It's not the names which are stunting Soccer and holding it back, it's the indifference of the press, the lack of readily available information.

Soccer needs better media coverage, needs

more "hype". Every day of the week the public gets bombarded with news on so-called Rugby League stars. No wonder the people become familiar with names, teams, clubs and players' private lives.

Those human interest stories act as bait to make people curious about the game and the players. They kindle a certain enthusiasm and make people followers of a certain club.

Soccer, on the other hand, has lost much of its sparkle for me (and I used to be an ardent follower). My enthusiasm waned over the years because the papers ignored Soccer, especially during the pre-season build-up, when everybody is eagerly awaiting the start of the season, and "hungers" for Soccer news.

Sometimes I felt like a second Sherlock Holmes, going through the dailies, page by page, with a magnifying glass to detect pre-season competition dates and details about cup games. Often without success.

At times, not even results were printed. Those constant and recurring disappointments leave their mark and dampen the enthusiasm for the sport. I ask you, who is to blame?

Can't we get a Public Relations Officer strong enough to stand his ground in demanding better coverage for Soccer?

I agree wholeheartedly with Terry Greedy's remarks on how promotion paid for the Sydney Swans. Aussie Rules will have a great future in Sydney's League territory as long as the papers keep writing about the Swans (and the Swans come up with the goods).

The same would apply to Soccer. If the public reads about Soccer often enough, they get curious. They may want to know more about it, go to watch a match and, if they like what they see, may become Soccer fans.

Therefore, let's first show a united front (all Soccer clubs in all divisions) and press for better media coverage, and only after we have developed a strong Australian following, let's discuss the ethnic name issue.

You cannot alienate the devoted and loyal ethnic Australian by asking him to accept a new club name (which is meaningless to him), when you haven't enough true-blue Aussie Soccer fans to fill the ranks.

Get the daily papers to print more about Soccer in an entertaining way (we have the reporters to do it — all we need is more space).

From there, let things develop naturally. Who knows, there may come the day when we don't need ethnic names anymore; when we have outgrown them.

E. Rapkay,
Brisbane, NSW

ED— You write a lot of sense but you have completely missed the main point. Foreign, or ethnic, names are totally rejected by "AUSSIE" sports fans. Can the game afford to keep antagonising such a large body of potential spectators?

The State League Story

THE NSW REPORT

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avala	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Melita Eagles	4	2	2	0	12	3	6
Manly W'gah	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Ku-ring-gai	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
Polonia	4	2	2	0	7	5	6
Sutherland	4	2	1	1	3	2	5
Uruguayan	4	1	2	1	4	7	4
Wollongong	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Warringah	4	1	0	3	8	11	2
Fairy Meadow	4	1	0	3	4	7	2
Rockdale Ilinden	4	0	1	3	6	11	1
Penrith City	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

KU-RING-GAI 3 WARRINGAH 1

IN a game which could have gone either way and was entertainment value as both sides were in fine attacking form, a 78th minute goal by Ku-ring-gai's Neale Williamson won the game 3-1 for his side when a Warringah equaliser was on the cards.

Peter Tkachuk tested Freshwater's keeper Dave Bowman with a 25 metre free-kick which brought the best from the keeper.

It wasn't long before Freshwater's attack was in action. Corrigan and Walker went close, and Ku-

ring-gai's Andrew Lacey was called on to pull off some fine saves of his own.

Ku-ring-gai opened the scoring in the 33rd minute when Lee Sutherland's low cross was flicked past Bowman at the near post by Peter Tkachuk.

Three minutes before half-time Ku-ring-gai were caught napping and were bamboozled by an excellent run by Alex Bottalico. He beat half a dozen tackles, lost and regained the ball before flicking onto Paul Corrigan who beat Lacey with a good finish.

With Warringah looking very sharp Ku-ring-gai hit at just the right moment when once again Lee

Sutherland crossed from the left and Bass put away a perfectly placed header.

The visitors maintained the pressure and Lacey was continually called on to make good saves.

There were appeals for offside from Warringah as Neale Williamson picked up a Mark Nile pass in the 78th minute but the flag stayed down. Dave Bowman's attempted stop of Williamson was half-hearted and he was easily beaten.

Warringah would have felt a little hard done by, but in the closing quarter of an hour, Ku-ring-gai missed a number of chances.

The Freshwater club has the makings of a good outfit especially with players of the calibre of Mike Brady, Barry Walker, John Davies, Dominic Giannone, Alex Bottalico and Paul Corrigan who could well go places.

SUTHERLAND 0 URUGUAY AUBURN 0

IN the clash at Seymour Shaw, home side Sutherland Shire managed to hold Uruguay Auburn to a 0-0 draw.

Sutherland to their credit though, were the early aggressors but were sternly resisted by Auburn, especially keeper Carlos Rosano who collected everything in the air. Their central defence was also very sturdy.

The game was one of limited goalscoring opportunities and when Auburn

forward Cuba received a tremendous ball from import Fernando Mosquera it seemed the first goal would be posted. Yet he miskicked and beat the goalkeeper but a defender cleared.

John Van Heldon had a couple of good scoring chances but spurned them. Auburn then pushed forward and began to take hold of the match without converting the territorial superiority into goals.

Sutherland who continue to field the same unit as in previous years, are to an extent missing the services of the now retired Jimmy Webber. The character is still there with the never-ending will to win but sheer firepower is lacking.

Craig Hall is constantly their dangerman but apart from their ever solid defence the Shire haven't an immense amount to enthuse about.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 MELITA EAGLES 1

ROCKDALE were always a robust outfit in the match against Melita which they drew 1-1 at Hurstville Oval.

They never let up on a weary Melita (who played on Friday night in the Nanda Cup in Brisbane) and deservedly earned a draw.

In the 36th minute Stirovski played a one-two with Tony Genovese which drew out Dragan Pupovac who saved.

Stirovski was destined to be in the match a fair bit and he missed another opportunity soon after as he shot weakly.

Birrel Sertbas made a move down the left in the 41st minute and crossed to Wayne Farnsworth who shot from outside the area only to have his shot saved by Paul Darlington, who was again in the action soon after with another save.

Three minutes into the second half, Farnsworth crossed to Sertbas who played the ball on to Keny Wilson who duly scored off the post.

A fine move was instigated through MaCausland, Laing and Farnsworth before another opportunity was spurned this time by Sertbas.

Stirovski missed a chance in the 68th minute but then a long throw by Nikilovski in the 74th minute found Rodas with a flick header at the near post that Genovese whacked in.

Melita had an opportunity to take the match in the 77th minute when Wayne Farnsworth broke free but only managed a weak shot.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 POLONIA 0

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA went to Chopin Park to hold Polonia to a 0-0 draw.

In the 15th minute a throw-in by Wollongong's Phil Muhlauer was back-headed by man of the

match Paul Giraldi but Alex Krkovski put his shot just wide.

Soon after, Jurek Brys curled in a good free-kick over the wall and only a good piece of goalkeeping by Geoff Robinson managed to keep the ball out.

Macedonia took the lead in the 48th minute when Ron Sattin worked with player-coach John Bingham who hit a good cross from the left. Paul Giraldi was on the end of it to hit it first time to score with a stupendous volley.

In the final 15 minutes Polonia put on the pressure and with five minutes to go, Stefan Janic was on hand with a brilliant first time shot from an angle that scorched into the far corner of the net.

SA STATE LEAGUE

Division 1 — Polonia 2, Lion nil.

Elizabeth 4 Beograd 3. Birkalla 2, Azzurri 5. Para Hills 1 Salisbury 2.

Campbelltown 5 Modbury 1.

Hellas 1 Croatia 2. Campbelltown 6 5 1 — 14 4 11.

Salisbury 6 5 1 — 11 2 11.

Croatia 6 4 1 — 18 4 9.

Azzurri 6 4 — 8 2 13 9.

Hellas 6 2 2 9 9 6 6.

Beograd 6 3 1 — 3 11 9.

Lion 3 6 1 — 3 8 11 5.

Polonia 6 2 — 4 6 8 4.

Elizabeth 6 2 — 4 7 12.

Modbury 6 2 — 4 5 14.

Para 6 1 1 — 4 7 8 3.

Birkalla 6 1 — 5 5 11 2.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

Friday St Albans 2 Croydon City 1.

Moravic 2 Croydon City 1.

Frankston Pine 4 Northcote City 2 scorers

Dick 3 Runje 1. Metopolis, Katsakis.

Melbourne nil Polonia nil.

Springvale City 1 Caulfield City 1. Garvey.

Arnatidis.

Thomastown 1 Western Suburbs 1. Flaherty.

McGuinness.

Ringwood City nil Fawkner nil.

Box Hill 2 Morewell

Falcons 1. Azzopardi,

Taylor, Stirton.

ACT STATE LEAGUE

Belconnen Utd 4 Weston Creek 0

Croatia Deakin 5 C'berra C.A. 0

C'berra City Olympians 1 A.N.U. 3

Kanbah Utd 3 C'berra Utd 2

Narranbundah 2 Juventus 4

TABLE TOPPERS

1 Croatia
2 Juventus

QLD STATE LEAGUE

Grange Thistle 0 Easts 1
Wynnum 3 Mt.Gravatt 4
Ipswich Utd 2 Olympic Utd 2

Taringa 2 North Star 2

North Star 5

Coalstars 5

Easts 5

Mt.Gravatt 4

Grange Thistle 3

Ipswich Utd 3

Wynnum 2

Lions 2

Olympic 1

Taringa 1

OAK TURNER K.O. CUP

DIVISION 1

Pittwater Grammar 3 d

Pittwater High nil

Balgowlah Boys High

7 d Davidson 1

Killara 7 d Knox Grammar nil

Crows Nest Boys 3 d

North Sydney nil

DIVISION 2

Holy Cross d Australian International School

on a forfeit

Hunters Hill d St Puix

X on a forfeit

Crestwood 12, 1 d

Baulkham Hills nil

Murfield 2 d Oakhill

College nil

Model Farms 7 d Seven

Hills 1

Holroyd 9 d Blacktown

Boys nil

DIVISION 3

Richmond 6 d Shalvey 1

Riverstone 15 d Whalan

nil

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Rockdale Ilinden v Melita Eagles	1-1	1-6	0-0
Sutherland Shire v Uruguayan Auburn	0-0	3-2	5-2
Manly Warringah v Penrith City	3-0	3-1	1-2
Ku-ring-gai v Warringah F/W	3-1	1-1	3-0
Polonia v Wollongong Mac.	1-1	0-1	1-1
Avala v Fairy Meadow	1-0	0-2	6-0

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Dee Why Swans v Canterbury & Dist.	1-0	1-0	2-5
Bathurst '75 v Kingsford	2-1	3-0	1-3
Blacktown United v Campbelltown City	1-1	5-1	2-0
SSC Yugal v Gladesville H/by	0-1	1-4	0-1
Bankstown National v Artamon	1-1	0-1	
Queens Park v North Bankstown	0-2	3-0	2-0
Kingsford v Cant. Dist.	2-0	2-1	3-1

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Moorebank Liverpool v Campbelltown Gun	0-2	2-2	3-0
North Ryde RSL v Uni of NSW	1-0	2-1	1-1
Granville Chile v King Tomislav	5-1	5-0	2-2
West United v Port Hacking	1-1	1-1	4-0
Bondi Marine v Mt Druitt Town	0-0	3-0	1-0
Rooty Hill v Baulkham Hills	2-2	2-2	1-2

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Eastwood St Andrews v West St George	1-1	1-1
Padstow Park v Spanish Club	2-2	4-0
Nineveh Eagles v Fairfield Kiev	1-1	1-3
CSI Schofields v Chelsea	0-6	1-1
Pagewood v Wentworth Waratahs	1-0	

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Trasandinos Sports v Maroubra United	1-0	0-3
Macquarie Uni v Dulwich Hill	0-5	3-5
Liverpool City v Pagewood	2-2	1-1
Hurstville Zagreb v Hawkesbury Dist	2-5	2-4
Green Valley v Chile Sports	3-2	1-5
Rosebery v Wentworth Waratahs	1-1	4-0

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Greenisland v Chullora	4-2	4-2
Robins v Petersham L	0-3	3-4
Welcome Sports v Lansvale United	2-2	0-0
Haberfield B/D's v Colo Colo	2-2	0-4
Concord Juniors v Blacktown W	3-0	7-1
Rangers Hadjuk v Sydney Maccabi	2-0	2-1

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Cyprus United v Lithgow Workmens	1-2	0-3
Luddenham Croatia v Abruzzi	1-7	0-1
Castle Hill v Jedinstvo United	5-0	5-0
Murray Farm Rangers v Argentinian Lid	2-0	0-0
Macedonia Yagoona v Columbian	2-2	2-1

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Calabria v Santiago Wand	3-0	6-0
North Rocks v Hellas Poseidon	1-4	4-2
Orange Waratahs v Macedonia Eagles	7-0	5-1

DIVISION 4

Elderslie 4 d Sarah Red-

fern 1

Bonnyrigg 4 d Ashcroft

2

Patrician Bros Fairfield

11 d Marylands nil

Fairfield 8 d Christian

Community School nil

Granville Boys 7 d

Parramatta High 2

DIVISION 5

Canterbury Boys High

2 Kingsgrove 2

(Canterbury won on

penalties 4-3)

Belmore Boys 4 d Sir

Joseph Banks 1

James Cook d De La

Salle Kingsgrove on a

forfeit

Jannali 10 d St Joseph

Bosco 1

NORTHERN NSW

LAKE MACQUARIE 1

HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI 0

BELMONT SWANSEA 0

WALLSEND 2

CENTRAL COAST 1

CARDIFF 1

WEST WALLSEND 2

WESTON WORKERS 2

AUSTRAL UNITED 1

ADAMSTOWN RSBD 1

TABLE

Belmont 7, Austral United
7, Adamstown 5, West Wall-
send 5, Central Coast 4,
Cardiff 4, Lake Macquarie 3,
Highfield 2, Wallsend 1, Wes-
ton 1.

TNT SKYPAK

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 3rd MAY

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Kingsford vs Dee Why Kensington Oval
Artamon vs Nth Bankstown Artamon Res.

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Campbelltown G vs Granville Chile Garside Park
Mt Druitt vs Moorebank L'pool Popondetta Pk
Port Hacking vs Rooty Hill Seymour Shaw

SUNDAY 4th MAY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles vs Polonia Melita Stadium
Uruguay Auburn vs Rockdale Ilinden Mona Park
Manly Warringah vs Sutherland Shire Cromer Park
Wollongong Mac. vs Avala Berkeley S/G
Fairy Meadow vs Ku-ring-gai Corrimall Mem Pk
Penrith City vs Warringah F/water Cook Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Canterbury Dist vs Blacktown United Blick Oval
Bankstown National vs Bathurst '75 Jensen Oval
Campbelltown City vs SSC Yugal Lynwood Park
Gladesville Hornsby vs Queens Park Pioneer Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

North Ryde RSL vs Bondi Marine Magdale Park
King Tomislav vs West United Croatian S/G
Uni of NSW vs Baulkham Hills Little Bay Oval

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

BRISBANE SHORT SHOTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BRISBANE's First Division Women's State League competition has taken off in a high competitive spirit that has brought about some surprising results.

With already three rounds of the League completed the only team that still remains undefeated is Queensland's under 17 side.

★ ★ ★

And what a refreshing flying start the under 17s have made.

Their two hardest matches according to Brisbane's publicity officer, Ms Lyn Spencer, have been against Eastern Suburbs (the "Tigers"), and Coalstars.

The under 17s have reeled off victories against Riverside (2-0), Grange Thistle (2-0) and Merton East (1-0).

So far, all is going well for this young representative side. When they play in the Queensland titles later this year they will have an established combination as will their under 15s, who this year play in the Second division.

★ ★ ★

COALSTARS are on second spot on the League ladder having beaten Merton East (3-0), Grange Thistle (2-0) and taming the growing "Tigers" with a scoreless draw.

However the loss of Australian fullback, Teri McQueen last week, out with a severe knee injury, was a hard blow for them.

Teri was brought down heavily with a late tackle when her team Coalstars played against North Stars in a K.O. competition.

Teri is hoping to be back on deck for the State titles in June. But a cartilage operation could be on the cards for her.

COALSTARS and Easts fought out a nil all draw. Coalstars were without their former Queensland goalkeeper, Roslyn Brooke, who has suffered a stress-fracture in her foot, as well as Teri McQueen.

★ ★ ★

EASTS had a full strength side and have been fortunate to obtain the services of Robyn Priest in goals, replacing Queensland goalkeeper Sue Bubeck.

Robyn has just returned from the United States where she spent four months on a working holiday. She also was able to play Soccer whilst over there in Boston.

This year Robyn has already gained selection in the Gold Coast squad for the coming State titles.

Easts were unlucky not to score with Doris Haddock smashing against the post after nicely beating the replaced goalkeeper.

The Millman girls, (Joanne and Kerry), are both in fine form this season, and their experience gained from playing

best player together with Australian squad-member Kimmy Dunlop, who toured Taiwan in 1984.

Kim scored an excellent goal from an angled shot in the fifth minute which set the "Tigers" back on their heels.

Easts found the going tough with only 10 players, having lost State squad player, Katrina Paley to indoor-cricket commitments and Lyn Spencer who suffered concussion the week before in their match against Coalstars.

★ ★ ★

RIVERSIDE are tied with Easts on third spot on the League ladder with three points after having lost to the under 17s, drawing with Merton East and scoring an upset win over the "Tigers".

Riverside has the services of former Queensland goalkeeper, Kay O'Sullivan, who had initially retired from the game, but this year found enough enthusiasm to take up Soccer once more.

Kay was Riverside's

★ ★ ★

MERTON EASTS have found the going hard, having suffered two losses and gaining a draw to their account.

Queensland's goalkeeper, Sue Clayton, is this year playing in the outfield but has been selected in the Brisbane side as a custodian.

★ ★ ★

WOMENS SOCCER LEAGUE REPORT

BY UWE BRACKLOW

AFTER three rounds of competition of the newly formed Womens Soccer League it would appear that the NSWASF has finally come up with a winning solution in supplying the top women's teams with a suitable avenue to show their wares.

Whilst all teams have not yet produced the best form, it is obvious the followers of the game are to be treated to some excellent and constructive Soccer from the ladies this season.

First grade is led by the Forest United team with three wins from three starts. The strong new club Putney Town are second with a deferred game against the Parramatta City Wildcats in hand.

Round three saw a tight match between Manly-Warringah and Girraween United resulting in a 2-2 draw. This result will add impetus to both squads after recording heavy losses in rounds one and two.

Chipping Norton Colts after leading Forest United 1-0 for most of the first half went down 2-1 in what was a real cliff hanger. They showed true fighting spirit and sounded a warning to the first grade that they could not be taken lightly.

Reserve grade sees Putney Town leading and with a game still in hand. They are closely followed by Forest United and Chipping Norton Colts who have now

each recorded a loss.

The reserve grade competition should develop into a fiercely contested situation over the coming weeks and should provide followers with an excellent competition. Last week's round again saw Manly-Warringah and Girraween United record their first points in a hard fought 1-1 draw. Again a good result for both squads after heavy losses in the first two rounds.

Chipping Norton Colts recorded a determined win over the Forest United side 2-1, at South Park, Chipping Norton. This game set the scene for the reserve game competition and I'm sure that the following rounds could produce some upset results.

Round four Sunday May 4, will see the resumption of the League after the Anzac weekend.

The draw is Forest United v Girraween United - Morrison Bay Ryde, Chipping Norton v Parramatta City - South Park Chipping Norton, Manly-Warringah v Putney Town - Cromer Park Dee Why.

Results for round four should be:

GRANGE THISTLE have yet to register a victory and the loss of many key players has already taken its toll.

The Brisbane squad has been training under the guidance of national coach, Fred Robins over the last three weeks every Friday night at the Queensland University Field.

Robins is concentrating mostly on ball-work so far, having found many club-coaches disagreeing with the hard physical training the girls did last year.

They claim it had made the girls tired and sluggish for their week-end fixtures.

BRISBANE TABLE

Under 17s	6
Coalstars	5
Eastern Subs	3
Riverside	3
Merton East	1
Grange Thistle	0

Round 2 2nd Grade 12/4/86

Putney Town 13 v Girraween United 0 L Hammond 3, M Young 3, J Capper 2, J Riddington 2, M Hanagan, G McNamara, J Thomas.

Manly-Warringah 1 N Driver Chipping Norton 1 R Bradley 4, K Norris 3, J Taylor 2, L Kelly 1.

Parramatta City 1 L Wisely Forest United 7 L Geribo 3, K James 2, S Walke 1, o.g. 1.

Top Scorers:

L Wardell 8, K Lembyk 6, C Vinson 4, C Heydon 4, N Komorowski 3, D Carmody 2, J Riddington 2, C Brudley 2.

Results for round four should be:

1. Forest United to down the game Girraween United.

2. Chipping Norton and Parramatta City should be the match of the round which could well result in a hard fought draw.

3. Putney Town should record their fourth successive win by downing the hard fighting Manly-Warringah.

1st Grade Round 2 13/4/86

Putney Town 18 v Girraween United 0, L Wardell 7, C Vinson 3, J Riddington 2, J Aithen 1, M Langlar 1, L Gridley 1, L Hammond 1, o.g. 2.

Manly-Warringah 0 v Chipping Norton 3, D Carmody, T Wheeler, S Young.

Parramatta City 1 N Komorowski Forest United 4, K Lembyk 2, C Bradley, C Heydon.

1st Grade Round 3 20/4/86

Chipping Norton Colts 1, D Carmody Forest United 2, J Dolan, K Lembyk.

Girraween United 2, N Clark, A Dennis Manly-Warringah 2, S Broughton, J Colby.

Parramatta City v Putney Town.

NSL CLUB FOCUS

CHIPPING NORTON COLTS

THIS newly-formed women's club is part of a long term plan to present top class Soccer in the Liverpool area side by side with the progressive junior club Chipping Norton.

The home ground is South Park which is situated in Charlton Avenue, Chipping Norton.

As a first step this year only the two WSL teams were created but it is envisaged next year to start with some junior sides so that a feeder into the WSL teams can be established.

The two WSL sides this year are of a high standard with all girls showing a great deal of application and dedication to the training and games. The club trains twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday and the sessions are run at a high standard by the senior coach Uwe Bracklow and his assistant Peter Smith.

The club was started by Uwe Bracklow and the girls playing for the club are from many parts in Sydney including Sutherland, Richmond, Seven Hills, Holroyd and Liverpool.

On paper it should be one of the stronger teams in the WSL and this seems to have been borne out by the second placing in the pre-season Gala Day.

A number of players in the club are looking at representative honours this year and with the wealth of talent in the club especially at the younger age a good future is predicted.

Players who have a good chance at representative honours are Stacey Bull and Jayne Taylor for the State U/17. The NSL Youth side has already

selected Shelly Fabian, Tracey Wheeler and Felicity Huntington. These three players plus Dalys Carmody and Sharon Young are also looking at senior State selection.

The club is always looking for more talented players and any interested players are asked to contact Uwe Bracklow on 601 4560.



NSW ASSOCIATIONS FOCUS: HOLROYD

BY UWE BRACKLOW

HOLROYD and District Ladies' Soccer Football Association is located west of Sydney and includes suburbs such as Granville, Wentworthville, Castle Hill and Smithfield.

As such, it encompasses a fairly large area and is one of the largest Associations in the country.

Holroyd was formed in 1982 and teams took the field for the first time in 1983. The first meeting was held in 1982 with Phil Witcombe chairing the meeting. In the final season in 1983, 12 clubs entered teams.

For the 1986 season 17 clubs have entered a total of 48 teams making a total playing strength of the Association in excess of 600 players. A number of guest teams are also playing in Holroyd.

Games are played on a home and away basis as well as every Sunday on the Association ground, Jones Park Merrylands.

Every season Holroyd runs the league championship on a first past the post basis. An Association cup knock-out is played at the end of the league.

Holroyd fields representative teams for U/15, U/17 and A/A State championships each year. The colours these teams play in is Emerald green with white trim.

Holroyd is running the following competitions this year.

U/17 — 1 division
A/A — 3 division
The officials this year are:

President — Mr Phil Witcombe
Secretary — Mr Peter Horwarth
Registrar — Mrs A O'Connor
Treasurer — Mr B Goldand
Comp Sec — Mr K Townsend
Recorder — Mr B Duame

Any girls wishing to play in Holroyd would always be welcome and they should contact Phil Witcombe on 631 0389.

Round 3 2nd Grade 20/4/86

Putney Town	2	2	0	0	18:0	4
Forest United	3	2	0	1	13:4	4
Chipping Norton	3	2	0	1	12:7	4
Parramatta City	2	1	0	1	5:7	2
Manly-Warringah	3	0	1	2	3:16	1
Girraween United	3	0	1	2	1:18	1

Round 3 2nd Grade 20/4/86

Chipping Norton Colts	2	L Whalan, D Chidgey
Forest United	1	K James.
Girraween United	1	D Simkin
Manly-Warringah	1	S Watkins.
Parramatta City v Putney Town.		

Top Scorers:

L Geribo 5, K James 4, R Bradley 4, T Marcantelli 3, J Capper 3, L Hammond 3, M Young 3, K Norris 3.

TEAMS WANTED!

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ZICO INJURY UPDATE

WITH the World Cup rapidly approaching, everyone in Brazil is keeping up-to-date with news of Zico's injury.

The brilliant Brazilian forward has no hope of being ready in time — according to the pessimists, and they could be right.

While with Udinese in Italy, Zico suffered more than his share of injury trouble but when he returned to Rio and Flamengo, he soon recap-

tured his form and fitness and banged in some great goals.

A confident Zico said at the time: "I want to finish my career as a world champion and I have the goals in me to realise that dream in Mexico."

Then injury struck

again. Zico had muscle trouble in a knee which had earlier needed surgery.

He had to pull out of Brazil's European tour.

On medical advice, Zico had complete rest for 30 days, followed by some light training.

It is still too early, however, to discover if the treatment has had the desired effect.

Meanwhile, a team of doctors has this great player under constant surveillance while the rest of Brazil can only wait . . . and hope.



ZICO and sons despairing.



Dominique Rocheteau shoots for goal against Nantes.

SUPER WINGER PLEADS FOR WING ROLE

DOMINIQUE ROCHETEAU is undoubtedly one of France's greatest forwards but he is worried about the job he has to do with France's national team.

A natural right-winger, Rocheteau now plays centre-forward for his club Paris St Germain and has scored 19 goals — but only one with a header.

In Mexico, Rocheteau hopes he will be given a wider role. He hates the aerial duels with big defenders when he plays centre-forward.

Once described as "the second George Best," this French wizard has great pace and ball control and

he gets goals.

But if he prefers playing on the wing, France would be wise to play him there.

ONE of the most disappointing transfer deals of the season cost Chelsea \$650,000 when they bought Mike Hazard from Spurs.

Hazard has struggled

for a first team spot ever since he signed and almost moved on loan to struggling Sutherland recently. But Chelsea did not fancy the loan arrangement, probably preferring a straight cash deal.

Hazard was born in Sunderland and was a fan

of that club ever since his school days.

He would have been happy to play for them. "I've been unlucky with injuries and I am not match fit so going on loan would probably have been good for me," said Hazard.

LOU THE SWINDON JOKER

LOU MACARI, Swindon Town boss, has a rich sense of humour — as he demonstrated when discussing a suitable reward for the team's great 1985-86 season.

Said Lou: "If we win the fourth division title, we'll have a trip to America or the West Indies. Just getting promotion will be worth a holiday on the Costa del Sol. But if we

finish fifth, it'll be a weekend at an Army camp!"

With Swindon well clear on top of the table, there won't be any Army barracks for the players.

SAUNDERS SEEKING SNOOKERS

LATEST rumour heard at West Bromwich Albion is that new manager Ron Saunders is anxious to sign world snooker star Steve Davis.

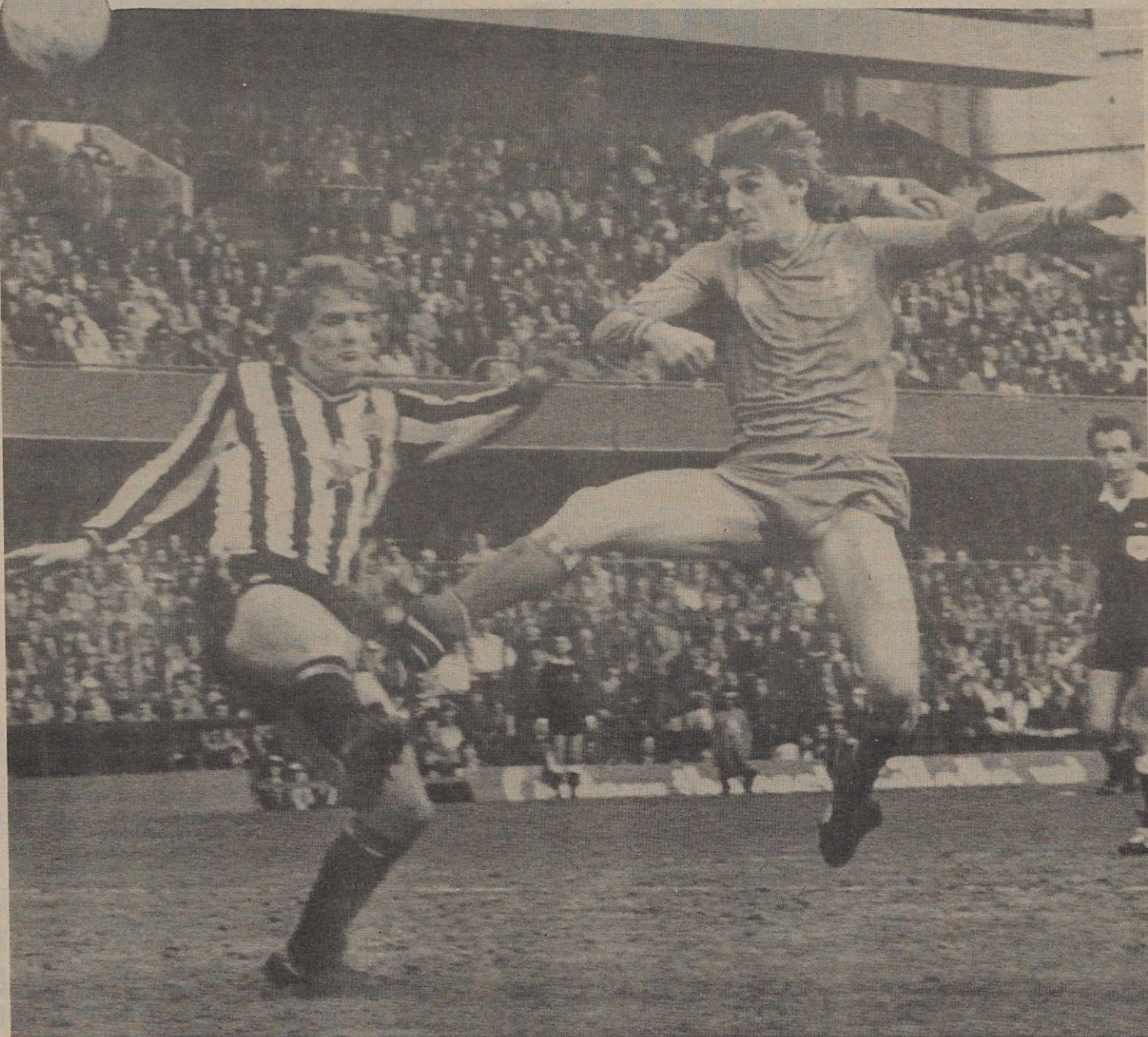
The story goes that, with West Brom so far behind the rest of the first division teams, they need snookers to survive!

MARINER GOES TO NZ

PAUL MARINER, one of England's key players in the 1982 World

Cup in Spain, will watch this year's World Cup on TV in New Zealand.

Mariner has been signed up as a guest commentator for NZ television and will also play a few club games while he's in Kiwi land.



ACTION from Chelsea's vain title chase. Their captain COLIN PATES (right) is marauding the Newcastle defence at Stamford Bridge.

THIS STUFF WON'T DO IN MEXICO IN WORLD CUP

ENGLAND beat Scotland 2-1 at Wembley to win the Sir Stanley Rous Cup but neither side gained much inspiration from last week's match.

Indeed supporters of both teams expressed apprehension after the game about forthcoming World Cup success or failure.

To be honest, on what they produced at Wembley, it is difficult to predict World Cup glory for England or Scotland.

The first half was capably controlled by the Englishmen who had a 2-0 lead through Terry Butcher and Glenn Hoddle at half-time.

Surprisingly, though, England faded badly as Scotland took charge in the second half.

The Scots could manage only one goal when Graeme Souness converted a penalty kick after Charlie Nicholas was brought down by Butcher.

During Scotland's second half pressure, the England hero was goalkeeper Peter Shilton — not for the first time.

But Scotland was not so fortunate in the goalkeeping department.

Alan Rough, deputising for Jim Leighton, was blamed for Hoddle's vital goal when he failed to hold a Kenny Sansom shot and flicked the ball to Hoddle.

Several key players were missing from both teams and it is reasonable to assume that if skipper Bryan Robson and goalscorer Gary Lineker had played, the English performance would have been more convincing.

England manager Bobby Robson was not concerned about the sub-standard football played in this match.

Robson said: "Our spirit was high after a magnificent year. Success breeds success and England is a successful team. But this was a physical game."

The victory gives England a narrow lead in international matches between the two old rivals.

England has won 41 matches, Scotland 40, with 23 drawn.

ENGLAND — Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens (Everton), Kenny Sansom, Glenn Hoddle, Dave Watson, Terry Butcher, Ray Wilkins (sub Peter Reid 46 mins), Trevor Francis, Mark Hateley, Steve Hodge (sub Gary Stevens of Tottenham 72 mins), Chris Waddle.

SCOTLAND — Alan Rough, Richard Gough, Maurice Malpas, Graeme Souness, Alex McLeish,

Willie Miller, Steve Nicol, David Speedie, Charlie Nicholas (sub Pat Nevin 57), Roy Aitken, Eamonn Bannon.



PAT JENNINGS

NORTHERN IRELAND had a struggle to beat the unrated Morocco in a World Cup warm-up match in Belfast.

The Irishmen scraped in 2-1 with goals from Colin Clarke (12 minutes) and Jimmy Quinn four minutes from the end.

Morocco's goal was from a penalty kick 10 minutes after half-time after Ireland's John O'Neill tripped Khairi and Mohamed Timoumi equalised from the spot.

This was Timoumi's first international appearance for five months — he has just recovered from a fractured leg.

It was a dull match, hardly the sort of effort to inspire confidence for the teams as they prepare for their Cup trip to Mexico.

Probably the most memorable moment of the night was when Pat Jennings, Ireland's 40 year old goalkeeper, took the field for his 116th international.

This is claimed as a world record for any player in internationals.

NORTHERN IRELAND — Jennings (sub Platt), Ramsey, Donaghy, O'Neill, McDonald, McNally, Penney (sub Quinn), McIlroy, Clarke, Whiteside, Stewart.

MOROCCO — Fettah, Khalifa, Badidi, Biyaz, Bouyahaqui, Dolmy, Abderrahim, Khairi, Sahil Mohamed, Timoumi, Annallah.

TIMISOARA, ROMANIA: Romania beat the Soviet Union 2-1 in a World Cup warm-up match.

Scorers: **ROMANIA** — Hagi (14th minute), Camataru (80); **SOVIET UNION** — Rodionov (70).

BRUSSELS: Belgium beat Bulgaria 2-0 in a World Cup warm-up match.

Scorers: Phillippe Desmet (43rd minute), Erwin Vandenberg (55th).

ROUGH ON ALAN — HODDLE LOVES IT!



Glenn Hoddle tucks away England's second goal in the 2-1 defeat of Scotland at Wembley. Goalkeeper Alan Rough dives in vain.

BAYERN WIN TITLE

THERE was an amazing finish to the West German first division championship when the team which had been on top for most of the season, Werder Bremen, flopped at the final hurdle.

So Bayern Munich took the title, although only on goals difference.

Both Bayern and Bremen finished with 49 points but the Munich side sneaked in on goals.

The teams had everything to play for in their last matches, but while Bayern were pulverising Moenchengladbach 6-0 in the Olympic Stadium, Werder Bremen lost 2-1

at Stuttgart.

Karl Allgoewer was the villain of the piece as far as Bremen were concerned.

It was Allgoewer, with two goals, who did the damage for Stuttgart, robbing Bremen of the title which seemed to be in their grasp a month earlier.

Three times runners-up in four years... that is the sad tale of woe from Wer-

der Bremen.

Bayern Munich have collected eight Bundesliga championships in the past 18 years, a great record of consistency.

Hanover and Saarbrücken are relegated and Borussia Dortmund could go down with them.

Meanwhile in Spain, Barcelona failed to win the Cup Final in Madrid, going down 1-0 to Real Zaragoza.

Ruben Sosa grabbed the only goal of the match in the 34th minute to take Zaragoza into next season's Cup Winners Cup competition.

The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	40	24	10	6	86	37
Everton	39	24	8	7	78	38
Man Utd	41	22	9	10	69	35
West Ham	38	23	6	9	67	34
Chelsea	39	20	11	8	56	48
Sheff Wed	41	20	10	11	62	54
Luton	41	18	11	12	60	43
Notts Fst	41	18	11	12	67	52
Arsenal	39	18	9	12	46	64
Newcastle	41	17	12	12	67	63
Tottenham	40	17	8	15	65	47
Watford	39	15	9	15	62	59
QPR	41	15	7	19	52	62
Southampton	39	12	9	18	46	50
Man City	40	11	11	18	42	55
Aston Villa	41	10	14	17	49	55
Ipswich	40	11	8	21	31	52
Coventry	41	10	10	21	46	70
Leicester	40	9	12	19	52	74
Oxford	39	8	12	19	57	78
Birmingham	41	8	5	28	30	72
WBA	41	12	25	33	36	24

DIVISION TWO

Norwich	40	24	9	7	80	36
Charlton	39	20	10	9	73	43
Portsmouth	41	21	7	13	65	41
Wimbledon	38	19	11	8	55	36
Crystal P	41	19	8	14	56	51
Sheff Utd	41	17	10	14	63	62
Hull	40	15	13	12	62	55
Stoke	40	14	15	11	48	47
Brighton	40	16	8	16	64	56
Millwall	40	16	7	17	60	63
Barnsley	41	14	13	14	45	48
Oldham	40	15	9	16	58	54
Bradford	39	15	18	10	50	53
Leeds	41	15	8	18	56	68
Grimsby	41	14	10	17	57	59
Huddersfield	41	14	10	17	51	66
Shrewsbury	40	13	9	18	50	61
Blackburn	41	11	13	17	50	61
Middlesbrough	41	12	9	20	43	51
Sunderland	40	11	11	18	43	61
Cardiff	39	12	7	20	42	66
Fulham	40	10	6	24	44	65

DIVISION THREE

Reading	44	28	7	9	65	48
Plymouth	44	24	9	11	82	53
Wigan	44	22	13	9	76	44
Derby	41	21	13	7	72	36
Gillingham	44	21	13	10	79	53
Walsall	45	21	9	15	89	64
York	44	18	11	15	71	57
Notts Cty	44	17	14	13	65	60
Bristol C	43	17	13	13	65	64
Doncaster	44	16	15	13	44	49
Brentford	44	17	11	16	56	60
Blackpool	43	16	11	16	64	52
Rotherham	44	15	12	17	60	56
Bournemouth	44	15	9	20	65	54
Lincoln	44	14	11	15	56	63
Bolton	45	15	9	22	54	65
Bristol R	44	14	11	19	49	71
Chesterfield	45	12	14	19	58	64
Bury	44	12	11	21	62	47
Newport	44	10	17	17	51	65
Swansea	44	10	15	18	50	70
Cardiff	45	11	9	25	51	82
Wolves	44	10	10	24	51	91

DIVISION FOUR

Swindon	43	29	6	8	74	41
Chester	44	22	15	7	81	47
Mansfield	43	22	11	10	72	45
Port Vale	42	20	15	7	65	33
Hartlepool	45	20	10	15	67	64
Orient	43	18	12	13	71	59
Stockport	45	17	13	15	63	68
Colchester	43	17	12	14	80	63
Hereford	44	17	10	17	72	70

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Hearts	35	20	10	5	59	31
Celtic	34	18	10	6	60	38
Dundee Utd	35	17	11	7	57	30
Aberdeen	35	15	12	8	56	31
Rangers	35	12	9	14	51	45
Dundee	35	13	7	15	43	51
Partick	35	13	5	17	42	51
Hibernian	35	11	18	48	61	28
Motherwell	34	7	6	21	33	62
Clydebank	35	6	8	21	29	71

DIVISION ONE

Hamilton	38	23	8	7	75	43
Falkirk	38	17	10	11	55	37
Forfar	38	17	9	12	49	41
Kilmarnock	38	17	8	13	59	47
East Fife	38	14	10	14	52	44
Dumbarton	38	16	10	12	59	42
Morton	37	13	11	13	54	59
Airdrie	38	12	11	15	50	48
Partick	38	10	15	13	52	63
Brechin	38	13	8	17	57	63
Clyde	37	8	17	12	43	54
Montrose	38	10	13	15	43	54
Ayr	38	10	11	17	39	57
Alloa	36	9	13	18	43	68

DIVISION TWO

Dunfermlin	37	23	10	4	89	44
Q O'Sth	37	23	7	7	67	53
Meathbank	38	18	11	9	67	45
Queen's Pk	38	19	8	11	60	37
Stirling	38	17	8	13	54	41
St Johnst	38	18	5	15	62	54
Arbroath	38	14	9	15	52	50
Stenhousem	36	15	7	14	54	62
Raith	38	14	7	17	62	35
Cowdenbth	37	14	7	16	48	35
E Stirling	37	11	5	21	47	66
Berwick	38	7	11	20	45	76
Albion	36	7	8	21	34	79
Stranraer	38	8	5	25	39	82

NTHN IRELAND: Ards 2

Bangor 1, Ballymena 4 Cliftonville 2, Carrick 0 Coleraine 2, Glenavon 1 Larne 1, Glentoran 1 Distillery 2, Newry 1 Portadown 0.

ITALY

Avellino v Napoli	0-1
Como v Roma	1-0
Lecce v Juve	2-3
Milan v Atalanta	1-1
Pisa v Fiorentina	1-2
S'doria v Inter	0-0
Torino v Verona	2-1
Udinese v Bari	2-2

FINAL STANDINGS

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juve	30	18	9	3	43	45
Roma	30	19	3	8	51	41

GREECE

AEK v P'naikos	0-0
Apollon v Serres	1-1
K'maria v P'chaiki	1-0
Doxa v Larissa	2-1
Ethnikos v Iraklis	0-0
P'ontos v Aris	1-0
PAOK v Yannina	4-2
O'p'akos v O'fi	3-3

FINAL STANDINGS

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
P'naikos	30	18	7	5	58	26
O'fi	30	16	6	8	41	31
AEK	30	13	10	7	42	28
Iraklis	30	14	8	8	34	22
O'p'akos	30	14	6	10	57	42
P'ontos	30	14	6	10	38	34

HOLLAND

AZ'67 v Roda JC	4-3
G'ingen v Venlo	3-4
NEC v Sittard	0-0
Ajax v D Bosh	4-1
Twente v Haarlem	0-0
Sp R'dam v Utrecht	3-2
Ex R'dam v Feyenoord	2-1
Maastricht v GA Eagles	0-2

FINAL STANDINGS

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	30	24	5	1	84	16
Ajax	30	23	1	6	109	47
Feyenoord	28	19	3	6	66	37
Roda JC	30	14	7	9	62	35
D Bosh	30	12	10	8	47	35
Groningen	30	14	6	10	45	35

PORTUGAL

LISBON Benfica beat Belenenses	2-0
to win the Portuguese Cup.	

SCORERS: Nunes (35), Rui Aguas (69).

ATTENDANCE: 45,000.

HUNGARY

Debrecen v Honved	1-1
Csepel v Volan	3-0
T'banya v Ujpest	1-0

SWITZERLAND

Aarau v Basle	2-1
Baden v Neuchatel	0-2
La C-de-F v Wettingen	0-1
S Gallen v Lucerne	2-2
Sion v Lausanne	1-2
Vevey v Servette	1-0
Young Boys v G'hoppers	3-0
Zurich v Grenchen	2-1

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Young Boys	30	17	11	2	63	29	45
Neuchâtel	30	15	9	6	48	26	39
FC Sion	30	13	11	6	60	43	37
FC Lucerne	30	12	12	6	48	34	36

ANGRY MERSEYSIDE

MERSEYSIDE football fans are very angry about the English FA's decision to take any Everton v Liverpool Cup Final replay back to Wembley.

Liverpool is in the grip of a desperate economic depression, with enormous numbers of people on the dole.

Many of them will travel to London for the Cup Final but very few would be able to raise the cash for a return trip to London three days later.

So the precious tickets for a replay would be snapped up by Londoners, who, logically, have little interest in the match.

No doubt the FA will claim that Wembley is the only suitable ground for a Cup Final replay but that's sheer rubbish.

In fact, Wembley was NEVER used for Cup Final replays until quite recently - the nominated venue normally being Old Trafford, Goodison Park or Maine Road.

If Everton and Liverpool finish level on May 10, the replay should be staged at the excellent Old Trafford.

At least it would then be within easy reach of fans from both teams.

Everton's Gary Stevens tackles Arsenal captain Kenny Sansom. Trevor Steven (left) supports his team-mate. Everton won 1-0.



FRANK GOES AFTER ONE YEAR

FRANK LAMPARD is yet another former top player who has found the going tough after moving into coaching.

Lampard has resigned after one season as player-coach of Southend United.

He was much longer at his previous club - serving West Ham United faithfully for 19 years as a full-back.

"At 37, I thought it was time to leave Southend. I hope to return to Soccer after a short break," said Lampard.

MICK'S PICK — WATSON

MICK CHANNON has been around long enough to know all there is to know about central defenders in England.

So, as World Cup boss Bobby Robson wrestles with the problem of which two to pick for Mexico, Channon offers a bit of advice:—

"Dave Watson of Norwich City is the best in the country, with Terry Butcher of Ipswich the second best.

"I like Alvin Martin of West Ham but I think he lost his English World Cup chance in the friendly game against Israel."



ALVIN MARTIN in action.

PASSARELLA FOR INTER

JULY is recognised as the official transfer month in Italian football but Fiorentina and Inter Milan have already finalised two big deals.

Argentina's World Cup defender Daniel Passarella will transfer from Fiorentina to Inter while Brazilian centre-half Edinho will move to the Florence club to replace him.

HAMMERS GUNNING FOR TITLE

ANOTHER GROUND FOR MEXICO WORLD CUP

WHEN Mexico played Romania recently, the match was the occasion for the official opening of a new ground, the Corona at Torreon.

This is the latest Mexican ground to be opened and ready for World Cup action.

Isn't it strange how a poverty-stricken nation like Mexico can boast so many magnificent stadiums? Meanwhile, Sydney Soccer stumbles along without a ground of its own.

HAMILTON FOR MEXICO

GOOD NEWS for Northern Ireland's World Cup ambitions ... Billy Hamilton of Oxford is back in action after seven months on the injured list.

Hamilton made a surprise comeback against Watford and should be o.k. for Mexico.

SAME TEAMS FOR ALAN ROBINSON

ALAN ROBINSON, who has been honoured with the appointment as referee in the FA Cup Final at Wembley on May 10, previously handled one other big Cup Final at Wembley.

That was in 1984 in the Milk Cup Final when the opposing teams were Everton and Liverpool.

Now comes the greatest match of the year and, once again, the finalists are ... Everton and Liverpool.

Robinson, who retires this year, said: "I'm overjoyed about getting this match, but it's strange it should be Everton and Liverpool again."

DID UNITED MAKE A BAD BUY?

THERE was a suggestion of panic when Ron Atkinson, Manchester United's extrovert manager, bought Peter Davenport from Nottingham Forest for \$1,200,000 in a desperate bid to bring United the first division title.

While Davenport may be a pretty useful striker, he is certainly no better than others who were already on the Old Trafford team's books.

The rushed signing rebounded badly on

Atkinson.

In his first six matches for Manchester United, Davenport couldn't score even one goal!

Atkinson paid a lot of money for a non-scoring striker.



Action from West Ham's recent league match against Oxford. Oxford's captain Malcolm Shotton is robbed of the ball by a West Ham defender. Oxford not only lost this battle but this game also, 3-1, the Hammers' star striker Tony Cottee grabbing two goals.